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The Christmas spirit behind all the drunkenness, over-eating, fornication and greed is another, yet very powerful one working for Satan and not God. There is no need to lament the loss of Christmas, for *every* day of the year can be a special day. Those who have chosen repentance from sin and eternal life in Jesus Christ can take this to heart:

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." **Luke 2:10-11**

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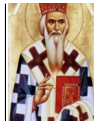
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Santa's Bloodline

The tradition of Santa began with a man St. Nicolas (270-343AD), a Bishop in the city of Myra, Southern Turkey. Out of an inheritance he was said to have bought gifts for poor children, throwing them into houses. In Europe St. Nicolas inspired the legendary figure *Sinterklass* who settlers in early America re-named **Santa Claus**.



In England, before *Sinterklaas* was a wiry old man named 'Christmas'. He represented everything about the season of Yule, a pagan celebration of the sun's rebirth in the northern hemisphere when daylight gets longer¹. For Yule, 'Christmas' needed a log to burn, and pork, turkey and alcohol for people to gorge themselves with.

In time, like a Roman Catholic priest, 'Christmas' became **Father Christmas**:

Jesus: "And call no man your father upon the earth: " Matthew 23.9a

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Santa's origin is a perfect manifestation of **Satan**, the god of this world. Santa is a veneer of Christianity painted over the top of pagan nature gods. An innocent little ditty reveals the projection of Satan's desire to be like God:

Quality	Satan	Santa	Santa Claus is Comin' To Town! ²	God
Omnipresent	No	Yes	"He's got millions of stockings to fill on Christmas day."	Yes
Omnibenevolent	No	Yes	"So be good for goodness sake."	Yes
Omniscient	No	Yes	"He sees you when you're sleeping, he knows when you're awake."	Yes
Omnipotent	No	Yes	"You better watch out."	Yes
Omni-just	No	Yes	"Gonna find out who's naughty or nice."	Yes

In reality Satan (formerly Lucifer) is now a fallen angel marked for destruction:



"How art thou fallen from heaven, O **Lucifer**, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** be like the most High." Isaiah 14.12-14
But surely there is no harm in telling little children about Santa, a kind old man who brings them gifts once a year? No matter how much sugar is used to coat the lie, it remains a lie. One day the child will learn: Santa is not real, their parents lied to them, and Christ who is confused with being born on Christmas is also a lie.



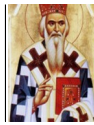
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"And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that **work iniquity.**" Matthew 7.23



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"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness;" II Corinthians 11.14-15a

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