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Suppose you are the last contestant on a gameshow, and it is the final question. You are nervous and anxious as the host prepares to read off the million dollar question. As the host starts to speak, you relax, it isn't a hard question after all. In fact, it is super easy! The money is as good as yours. The question is, "Name the ancient monotheistic religion that celebrated the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day, that worshiped the "light of the world", whom they called 'Christ', believed in heaven for the righteous and hell for the wicked, and used a cross as their emblem?" "How could anyone not know the answer to this one?" you think. Excitedly you declare, "That's Christianity!"

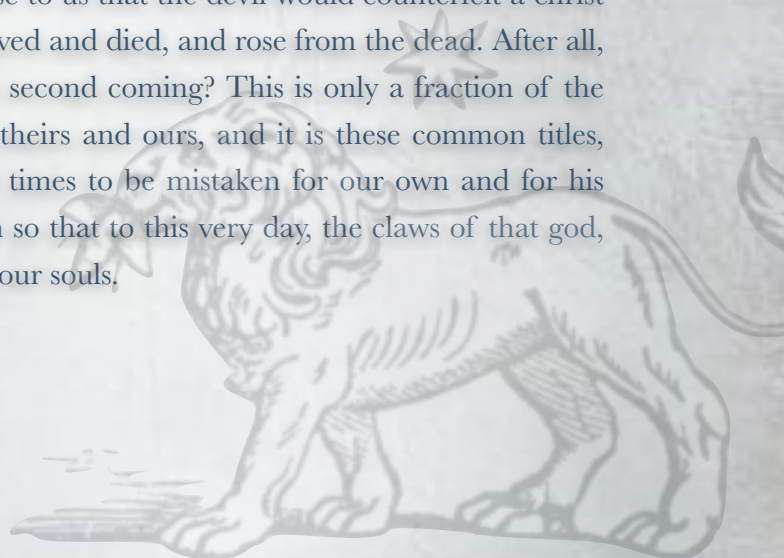
.... And you were wrong!...you just lost the game.

The answer they were looking for is Mithraism, not Christianity. And no wonder you have not heard of it, because no one ever mentions it! Even though it was chief among the rivals of the early Christians. This ancient mystery religion was perpetuated by Roman soldiers all across the empire, with the legionnaires as its apostles. Originally a Persian cult which grew out of the Babylonian pantheons to evolve in the west as its own monotheistic religion, it was incorporated into the worship of the Romans and thrived there. Echoes of their traditions can still be seen in the religion of Zoroastrianism. Sadly, the products of the evil god of Mithraic worship have been even handed down to us within the Christian faith today, each passed off as a Christian practice.

Scripture teaches us of one “Lord”, one faith, one “baptism”, one Elohim and Father of all, and demands anathema on anyone who preaches any other Gospel or offers us any other “Christ” (Messiah). But the Bible is not the only doctrine to do this. The ancient cult of Mithraism required the same exact devotion. We were offered their gospel and their “Christ”. Judge for yourselves if we deserve to be accursed or not; judge for yourselves if we've accepted some aspects, traditions, and theologies of a sungod along with the true Gospel that the true Messiah preached.

ONE LORD

According to the Holy Bible, the one “Lord” is none other than “Yeshua” of Nazareth, Who in recent years here in the West has become known as ‘Jesus’. He is the only Saviour, Redeemer, and Invincible Conqueror and the One True Messiah Almighty. However, before He was born into the world of men, a cult arose out of the east serving another “lord”, called the "one lord" by his followers, a god begotten in the shadows whose name is Mithra. He also was called a saviour, a redeemer, and an invincible conqueror. Like Yeshua, this pagan sun-god was titled "christ", and was also worshipped as the "almighty". As the Bible teaches that our Master, Yeshua Messiah was before all things, ruled with the Most High, and was the Word through Whom all things came into being, so also it was said of "Mithras Christos"; that he stood with the deity before time, ruled with him, and made all that is. While Scripture assures us that there is "one Mediator" between the Almighty and mankind, that Man being Yeshua; Mithraism tries to appease us by saying that Mithra alone is the mediator between the almighty and mankind. Yeshua told us that He is the "Light of the world" while Mithra's followers also laid claim to this title. Our Messiah is said to be the Lion of Judah. Mithra was often depicted as a lion or with the head of a lion. Yeshua is Sovereign over space and time, holding all things together till the end, and their master is also called the "deity of endless time.” Truly the similarity of Yeshua and Mithra is eyrie and troublesome, but it should not come as any surprise to us that the devil would counterfeit a christ to preempt the arrival of the real Messiah, Who lived and died, and rose from the dead. After all, wont the devil send an anti-christ before Yeshua's second coming? This is only a fraction of the similarities that exist between the two “Christs”, theirs and ours, and it is these common titles, themes, and aspects that enabled their saviour at times to be mistaken for our own and for his ways and practices to mix with ours. It is so much so that to this very day, the claws of that god, long ago raked over us, still leave their mark upon our souls.



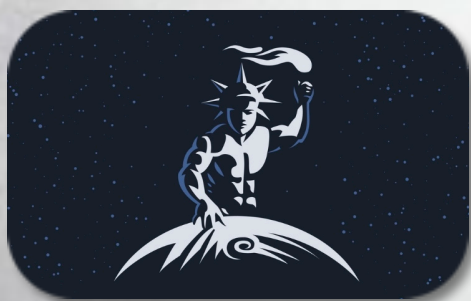
ONE FAITH

The one Faith of Christians is supposed to be that laid out in the Gospels, which were in turn built upon the good testimony of the Prophets and the Torah before all else. We know and bear witness that Yeshua Messiah died for our sins on a hill, was buried in a cave, and rose from the dead to ascend into Heaven and serve as our Mediator forever more. Contrariwise, according to the Mithraic gospel, Mithra offered a sacrifice in a cave then climbed a hill and ascended to heaven, becoming the mediator for Man. While Yeshua offered Himself as the sacrifice, Mithra offered the primordial bull. Interestingly, it is required of the High Priest when preparing to sacrifice for the atonement of the people, that he must first offer for his own atonement -- a bull. Yeshua brought no such offering, because He needed no forgiveness. Mithra however offered a bull, but nothing more. How could such an offering be granted? It would redeem only the priest, but no other. Furthermore, it is said of Yeshua that He was pierced with a spear, and of Mithra, that he pierced the bull with a spear. It is said that the blood of Yeshua offers life to the world, and in the case of Mithra, that the blood of the bull brought all creatures and plants of the world to life.

Further still, when our own Messiah cried out, "My El, My El, why have You forsaken Me?", He was quoting from the 22nd Psalm referring to the Suffering Servant, and in this same passage is quoted also, "Dogs have surrounded Me. .. they have pierced My hands and feet like a lion...deliver My life from the power of the dogs. Rescue Me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild bull." It is interesting that the crucifixion prophecy should reference both the lion and the bull, each Mithraic emblems. Also it was taught in the Mithraic faith that their version of satan, whom they called "Ahriman", tried to stop the sacrifice along with his minions, the serpent, the scorpion, and the dog. Psalm 22 makes reference to dogs aswell, coincidently. The Bible prophecies too that our Messiah would crush the head of the serpent under His heel, while Mithraism says its christ crushes the serpent's head in his hand. All this, as Scripture says, our Messiah had done for us at the command of the Father, and in the same way, Mithra claimed his god ordered done all that was claimed by his followers to have happened. And it appears that our Heavenly Father had allowed all these common traits to arise between the two religions on purpose aswell. Perhaps for no other reason than to show how much greater His offering was and is than any other story ever could be. Or maybe it is to simply illustrate for our observation the promise of our Messiah when He said, "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the powers of the enemy. Nothing will harm you." Let us then prove the reality of this promise by conquering all this false conqueror has snuck into our faith.

ONE BAPTISM

The one "baptism" of Yeshua's disciples is an immersion in water for a myriad of meanings. Our immersion symbolizes our being "washed" in the blood of Messiah, our sacrificial Lamb, of our being cleansed of our sins, and of our repentance unto life everlasting. Immersion for the believer in Messiah Yeshua severs his or her ties with the world and its ways, publicly identifies the individual with the collective company of disciples and with the common cause, and portrays for outward observation the internal reality of the spirit - that he or she has died with Messiah, was buried with Him, and raised anew with Him to unending life. But Mithra's baptism by contrast had only one simple purpose - to endow the candidate with the supposed supernatural powers of the sungod and the bovine strength vitality required for the life of the soldier. That pagan immersion was called Taurobolium or Taurobolum, the bloody sacrifice of the bull. The initiate was required to kneel in a pit or trench dug for this purpose, over which a board with holes drilled into it was laid. A sacred bull was then brought and its throat was slashed with a special dagger or spearhead so that the blood of the animal poured over the candidate. He was thus literally "washed" in the blood, and rising up out of the pit, the priest with his clean hand made a sign of a cross on his forehead in the blood that covered him, declaring the new member to be "Renatus In Aeternum" that is "reborn to eternal life." Only when Constantine outlawed blood sacrifices throughout the Roman Empire in the 4th century did this practice take on a form similar to our own baptism. Mithraic baptism in blood was replaced with a water baptism, sometimes by immersion and other times by sprinkling, but its purpose remained the same. We must note the similarities we see between the Taurobolium and Christian baptism in many churches today. The idea that the baptism itself imparts eternal life, the introduction of sprinkling, and the sign of the cross on the forehead all came to be done in our religion, but they come from the religion of Mithra. Slowly, but surely, through the centuries, our faith "once for all delivered unto the saints" has been merging with many pagan practices that have no meaning for us and no proper home in our hearts. Yet they remain



rooted in our religion because our forefathers relaxed the standards before our time. Ever since their day, we have been running toward the rising sun in many of our rites, thinking them to honor rather the Rising Son instead. But it is as they say, "You can't pick up a turd from the clean end" and "not all that glitters is gold."

ONE “GOD” AND FATHER OF ALL

As it is written in Scripture, "For even if there are so-called elohim, whether in Heaven or on Earth (as indeed there are many "elohim" and many "masters") yet for us there is but one Elohim, the Father, from Whom all things came and for Whom we live; and there is but one Master, Yeshua the Messiah, through Whom all things came and through Whom we live." - 1 Corinthians 8:5-6. For us The Way, we worship our Heavenly Father and pray to Him after the fashion our Messiah taught us. But the god of Mithraism too was called “father almighty”. Do we then both call upon the same one deity and Father of all? Did the Creator deliver two gospels of His goodness and offer two Saviors, two sacrifices for sin, and two ways to please Him? One through Mithra and the other through Yeshua? May it never be thought! How then can we differentiate between the One True Living Elohim of the Bible - preached, professed, and presented to us by His only Begotten Son, Yeshua on one hand, and on the other -- the perverted, pagan, puny god of Mithraism perpetuated by the legions of Rome? Moses made it clear for us in the Torah when he wrote of his encounter with the Creator in burning fire on the Mountain of Sinai. The prophet asked Him for His NAME in order to announce Him to His people, His enemies, and His whole world. Moses received in response, "Say to the Israelites, 'YHWH, the Elohim of your fathers, the El of Abraham, the El of Isaac, and the El of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My NAME forever, My Memorial (Mention) unto all generations.'" We see here and all through the “Old” Testament, inspite of the immense efforts of the sages to keep it a secret and silence the saints who would call aloud, the NAME of the One, True, Living Elohim of Israel, the so-called “Church”, and all the Earth, the NAME of our Heavenly Father - that hallowed NAME is "YHWH." And furthermore, our mighty Father has made immensely clear Himself when He gave His First Commandment. He said, "I am YHWH, Eloheicha, Who brought you out of Egypt. You shall have no other elohim besides Me. " The Elohim and Father of our King Messiah, is YHWH. But the god of Mithraics was another being entirely and understood to be so by his believers. As it was a mystery religion and extremely secretive, some of the facts became jumbled in the attempt to specify certain details as differing from similar ones. For example, though this cult was monotheistic, the exact nature of its lone divinity is often mysterious in the manner that the doctrine of the Trinity is hard to explain without paradox. Sometimes Mithra himself was said to be the only god. At other times, it was said to be the deity named Ahura, or Ahura-Mazda (also Ormasda or O'masda). Stories declare O'masda as the Sun and Mithra as Sunlight proceeding from it, and yet others portray Ahura as the far-off heavenly father with Mithra as his Sun and emissary. Eventually, over the centuries



before its integration into the Christian Faith, Mithraism was first merged with the cult of Sol Invictus which was equally heathen and nearly identical. Even then however it was hard to distinguish whether Sol Invictus (Sol) was Ahura-Mazda or Mithra or somehow both. Either way it is seen, the cult of Sol Invictus Mithra worshipped the Sun, not the Son. They worshiped the created rather than the Creator. Their god was Ahura-Mazda (the same one worshiped today by Zoroastrians) not the Maker and Master of the Universe, YHWH Sabaoth, to Whom our Saviour, Yeshua gave all glory and honor. The lack of specificity by our spiritual forefathers regarding their Elohim and their Master was the primary reason why practices of sun worship slipped through the cracks in their religion, which has now become our own. Now that we know of this pre-Christian forgery passed off as genuine and just worship of the Holy one of Heaven but not being such in the slightest, it is up to us to cease making false daylight, to search our hearts for traces of Sol, and to rid our souls of his dark influence. We have thought we were being specific when speaking of God, Lord, Christ, Heaven, Hell, salvation, and so on, but once we have the whole picture in mind with Mithras Christos and Iesous Christos both in it, the truth becomes blatantly obvious; we have been vague from the very beginning, thus giving the sungod space to hide in our faith. Out he must go from us with every glowing aspect.

ONE PRACTICE

Following the bloody baptism, later the water baptism symbolizing blood, the Mithraics referred to each other as "Brother" unless they rose to the level of clergy at which time they would be known as "Father." (The head of the religion was always centered in Rome and bore the title "Pater Patratus," basically "Father of fathers" or "Father of All"). Life, for the brothers was seen as a process of ascension upon a ladder or staircase with seven rungs or seven steps. (This is originally where we get the saying "stairway to heaven"). The seven mystical grades of Mithraism were identified each by a metal, a planet, and an emblem of an elohim. Once more which grades are which is a matter of speculation and debate due to the secrecy of this cult but the basic understanding here follows...

1. Saturn - Lead (Raven)
Mercury - Mercury (Knife)
2. Venus - Tin (Crescent Moon)
Venus - Copper (Raven)
3. Jupiter - Bronze (Spear)
Mars - Iron (Spear)
4. Mercury - Copper (Lightning)
Jupiter - Bronze (Lightning)
5. Mars - Iron (Sword)
Saturn - Lead (Sword)
6. Moon - Silver (Crown)
Moon - Silver (Crescent)
7. Sun - Gold (Knife)
Sun - Gold (Crown)



The various degrees of the religion of Mithra were designed to denote the journey of the soul in the afterlife and to prepare a brother for the trip into infinity. This cult taught upon death the spirit of a man traveled without delay either to heaven or to hell. If the man had been righteous in life and had climbed seven steps then he knew the way to Empyrean (the highest of heavens). The goodman's soul would journey seven planets purging itself of its lower humanity with each stop before arriving at the "sphere of the fixed stars, " the abode of Ahura-Mazda and his angels, where that spirit, purged of all lesser qualities, could cross the bridge of light and enter into a "happy eternity." But they believed that the wicked would be dragged down to hell or else fall from the bridge of light into the pit where demons who dwelt there in the fire and darkness would devise tortures unimaginable and unending. (The Mithraic planet-hopping is how we came to have the saying, "seventh heaven.") The Mithraics thought their god was going to descend to earth in the end of time and burn all matter with terrible purging fire which would cleanse all things. They believed Mithra would raise the dead, judge all mankind, and renew all creation, making a new heaven and a new earth. Even hell would be cleansed, they thought, all souls saved and all demons destroyed. Then all would drink of, "haoma" the immortal elixir and live forevermore.

They believed in a quasi-trinity, consisting of Ahura-Mazda, Anita, and Mithra. Anita (Ahnitta) was said to be the wife of Ahura. Other times said to be the wife of Mithra or the mother of Mithra or at other times both wife and mother. Mithra was sometimes said to be the Intercessor on behalf of humanity, a position we know to belong to the Holy Spirit. Other times Anita was said to intercede with Mithra who would further prayers to Ahura on behalf of man.

The worship of Sol Invictus/Mithra was steeped in symbolism of both physical and spiritual rebirth which came by way of the sun's energy, the power of the bull's blood, and the strength and assistance of the godhead. The followers of this god understood the importance of a high moral standard to reflect the newness of life into which they had been "born again." The way to paradise had to be earned by deeds worthy of that glorious eternity to come. To that end, though Mithra dispensed the initial life force upon a man in baptism, it was necessary for the brother to make eternal struggle against the evils of Ahriman (their version of the devil). Striving for the attainment to the realms of eternal light assured by the intercession of Mithras for all righteous souls, Mithraics especially valued the virtues of purity, truthfulness, religion, and generosity to the poor. It was stressed upon them by the fathers to be both physically and spiritually pure, to be honest always and self sacrificing. And it was also impressed upon them to believe in the universal brotherhood of all living things, along with the call to fight against all the powers of darkness. The daily practice of these sun god worshippers was to pray three times a day facing the sun at all times. East in the morning. South at midday. West in the evening. Their weekly day of worship was the first day of the week, called "Dies Solis" or Sunday, as it is now known, when the faithful would gather at sunrise to honor the Invincible One, unconquered yet another seven days. Every sixteenth of each month was consecrated to Mithra, it being midway through the month and their god being mediator of their faith. In Mithraism, the holiest day of the year was the 25th of December, called in those days, "Dies Natalis Sol-Invictus" (The birthday of the Unconquerable Sun) also "Natalis Solis" for short (birth of the Sun) . This day was deemed as the time when Sol Invictus-Mithra began to grow in strength and greatness after the riggers of the seasons of the year. Sometimes it was said that the sun god actually died on the 21st of December and was reborn on the 25th, year after year, so that he was ever the Unconquerable. According to the story of the Mithraic gospel, it was on this great day that Mithra was first born in the beginning of all things. They taught that their christ was born in a cave, springing full grown from stone in that cave where he lived and ruled before the first dawn and where he offered the bull for the life of the world.

On these days, Mithra's worshipers celebrated with pagan "love feasts" paying homage to the ascension of their christ with the sun (or as the sun). An essential aspect of these occasions was what they called "the lord's supper," bread into which equal-arm crosses were baked and wine. Over these the pagan priest pronounced a mystical formula so that they became for the people the very body and blood of the primordial bull. All partakers were said to renew their baptism in the consumption of bread and wine in this sacred ceremony. This meal was also said to offer supernatural virtues. And over all this religion, along with several other signs, the equal-armed Celestial Cross was raised as the emblem of this false christ and of his dark sungod.

However it was portrayed is of little matter but always it was an insignia of the two

interconnected circles which the Mithraians believed were comprised of the earth as a flat disc and the other the spherical path of Sol (as seen from the side) as he traveled daily round about the world.

FOR CHRIST'S SAKE

All this, though not widely publicized, is yet established historical fact and may be verified in any good dictionary, encyclopedia, or viable online search engine. And I would ask that you make use of these tools to search out all that has herein been said. "Accept nothing I say without verifying everything I say."

It may mean the vitality of your religion, or the worship in practice of a christ who is not the True Messiah in Whom we've put our hope. We believe we do and say those things that honor our Messiah, and many of our traditions actually do, but what of these we have seen that clearly come from another faith not our own and honor another christ who cannot save, whom we have not known? What of these things instituted not by Scripture, neither by our Saviour, Yeshua, nor His Disciples? What of these? Does a thing serve our Saviour simply, because we've been doing it for His sake, even though it was established for the worship of another christ.... an anti-christ? I do not see how it could be.

Our forefathers allowed converts to join our assemblies without leaving their heathen ways behind, and so these pagans put Christian names over all their old religion, but kept the faith the way their fathers had taught them. At other times, the bishops saw fit to Christianize heathen holidays and sacred shrines and emblems of evil merely by giving it a "Christ-like" reason to keep doing the same old thing. And still at other times, when Christian Faith was all that was allowed by law, these mystery religions mysteriously vanished without a trace in the world, yet their beliefs and practices simultaneously sprang up inside the church itself. Judge for yourself; do you think it odd that the first Christian Emperor, the Christian Victor, Constantine the Great claimed to have seen the "Cross of christ" above the sun and words saying for him to "conquer by this sign."? The question is which "cross" and which "christ"? I think the answer appears loud and clear some twenty years into the reign of this augustus where it can be seen engraved upon his minted coins, "Sol Invicto Committi", (Committed to Sol Invictus). The christ of Constantine was that of Mithraism, and the cross he carried to victory was none other than the "Chi-Rho" (Labarum), supposedly formed from the first letters of "Christ" in Greek (but which Christ is that? Yeshua the Messiah or the cultic christ, Mithras? And is there a difference? I think it is quite telling that on March 7th, 321 A.D., the supposedly Christian Victor made the first Sunday keeping law, "All judges, city people, and tradesmen shall rest upon the venerable Dies Solis..." The Resurrection was not cited as reason,



nor anything of Iesous as the Cause. Instead, the Emperor's excuse was "Dies Solis" or the Day of Sol, his sungod. The man who shaped modern Christianity, who presided over the council of Nicaea and decided the course the Christian Faith would take ever after was a diehard sungod worshiper till the end of his life.

So ask yourself, "Am I worshiping the Elohim of the Bible or some cheap heathen knockoff "God" from a mithraic religion? Am I serving the interests and following the instructions of Yeshua the KingMessiah or fawning over Mithra the fake messiah? Examine your religion. Break it down and build it again from the Bible. You might be surprised to find it will look nothing like what you have right now.





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