

God is going to bring an end to this entire apostate system of worship. He has determined to punish the mother of harlots and abominations, and her protestant daughters. Before He does so, He is calling us out from among those who propagate her system (St. Valentine, St. Patrick, Sunday, Christmas, Easter and Halloween).

“Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but reprove them, (Ephesians 5:11). What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord [compatibility] hath Christ with Belial [Satan]? 2 Corinthians 6:14,15).

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“Those who claim to know the truth and understand the great work to be done for this time, are to consecrate themselves to God, soul, body, and spirit. In heart, in dress, in language, in every respect they are to be separate from the fashions and practices of the world. They are to be a peculiar and holy people. It is not their dress that makes them peculiar, but because they are a peculiar and holy people, they cannot carry the marks of likeness to the world.”<sup>1</sup>

“Many things are regarded as essential which have a most injurious effect upon the people. The many holidays have had a baleful influence upon the minds of the youth; their effect is demoralizing to the government, and they are entirely contrary to the will of God. They have a tendency to encourage an artificial excitement, a desire for amusement.”<sup>2</sup>

“Entire families are in need of thorough transformation in their habits and ideas before they can be true representatives of Jesus Christ.”<sup>3</sup>

“Through the observance of holidays the people both of the world and of the churches have been educated to believe that these lazy days are essential to health and happiness; but the results reveal that they are full of evil, which is ruining the country.”<sup>4</sup>

“But from their youth up they have been educated to the popular idea that the appointed holidays must be treated with respect and be observed. From the light that the Lord has given me, these days have no more influence for good than would the worship of heathen deities; for this is really nothing less. These days are Satan's special harvest seasons.”<sup>5</sup>

“The liquor-drinking, the smoking and gambling, the horse-racing, the theater-going, the great importance placed upon holidays,-- all are a species of idolatry, a sacrifice upon idol altars.”<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> SpTEd 85.1 <sup>2</sup> SpTEd 86.1 <sup>3</sup> SpTEd 88.2 <sup>4</sup> SpTEd 92.2

<sup>5</sup> SpTEd 97.1 <sup>6</sup> SpTEd 87.1

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St. Valentine's Day is the day of romance and love. Heart-shaped candies, valentine cards with lace, and flowers identify the excitement of twentieth century valentines.

For nearly 1700 years, men and women have expressed varying degrees of affection on this day. In the past, February 14, was a familiar festival day celebrating fertility and the rebirth of life at springtime. Romance, affection and friendship character modern sanctions of St. Valentine's Day. Where did it begin? Let's take a look through histories pages to find out.

### St. Valentine

St Valentine's Day is a day in honor of two martyrs of the same name. They were persecuted under the Roman emperor Claudius II (A.D. 214-270) for their religious convictions. Both Valentines were beheaded in A.D. 270, one at Rome, the other at Terni some 60 miles from the capital. Valentine of Rome was a priest. The other Valentine was allegedly bishop of Terni.

The Roman Valentine, according to legend, left a farewell note for a jailer's little daughter, who had befriended him in

prison, and signed it "from your valentine." Thus the custom of sending anonymous messages or cards to those one admired became a well established custom.

Whether there were actually one or two valentines is disputed. Valentine or Terni may have been brought to Rome for execution and that two cults, one at Rome, another at Terni, sprang up to the same martyr. In any event a Valentine was beheaded February 14, 270 A.D.

### **Festival of Lupercalia**

A most plausible explanation for St. Valentine's day traces its customs back to the Lupercalia Festival of pagan Rome. This feast was celebrated in February to honor the pastoral god Lupercalus, a Roman version of the Greek god Pan.

During the Lupercalia, but in honor of the goddess Juno Februata, the names of young women were put into a box. Young men then drew the names from the box and those matched boys and girls were considered partners for the year, beginning in March.

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Throughout the first three centuries A.D., the expansion of the Roman Empire was interrupted by the pagans and the Christians inability to co-exist. The Roman government, eager to solve this predicament, chose to convert pagans to Christianity as its solution. It was because of the importance of such pagan celebrations as Lupercalis, that the Romans found it expedi-

ent to adapt some of their festivals into Christianity. Thus Lupercalia (and other rites of fertility) was intermingled into St. Valentine's Day. The problem was solved, but Christianity lost its first love.

Pagan Rome soon became Papal Rome (the Papacy). As the Papacy gradually came into power they chose to adapt the holidays and customs of the former Roman Empire to their own creed. Hence the various days honoring saints.

The term "Saint" is defined for us in the New Catholic Encyclopedia (vol. 12, page 852). It says, "A title properly given to those human members of Christ recognized by the [catholic] Church, either traditionally or by formal canonization, as being in heaven and thus worthy of honor..."

Eventually the day evolved to its present form of cards, candy and flowers. A modern day ritual of sending cards to almost anyone, friend, relative and sweetheart alike. Gifts are usually given only to sweethearts and wives. St. Valentine's Day is second only to Christmas in the number of greeting cards sent in the U.S. The present widespread distribution of valentines brings gladness to members of the greeting card industry, which in recent decades has grown to mammoth proportions.

### **Divination**

St. Valentine's Day and Eve was also a favorite time for practicing divination and for allurements with love charms. A young girl was supposed to marry, eventually, the first eligible male she met on this day. If a girl was curious and brave enough she could conjure up the appearance of her future spouse by going to the grave yard on St. Valentine's Eve at midnight. She would then sing a prescribed chant and run around the church twelve times.

Well, there's some history on St. Valentine's Day. Have you noticed, that many holidays are survivals of old fertility rites or rituals to the sun (Easter, Christmas, St. Valentine, Sunday, Etc.) These old pagan rites and rituals have been baptized into the name of Jesus Christ. Is this blasphemy?

The holy Bible tells us that there would arise a church-state power that "shall speak great words against the most High... and think to change times and laws..." (Dan. 7:25) In the Catholic Catechism, Cardinal Gibbons helps clarify what is meant by "times and laws." He says, "The new law has its own spirit...and its own feasts which have taken the place of those appointed in the law of Moses. If we would know the days to be observed (St. Valentine, St. Patrick, Easter, Halloween, Sunday and Christmas etc.) we must go to the Catholic Church, not the Mosaic law."

Yet after all this, Protestants will continue to celebrate these pagan holidays, and expect God to be in there schools, book centers and churches. They will observe the day with valentines, candy and flowers.

In Deuteronomy 12:30-31 it is written, "take heed to thyself that thou [God's people] be not snared by following them [the heathen]..." Jeremiah says in chapter ten verse two, "Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen..." Not in any way are we to worship our God as do the heathen, for it is an abomination unto the Lord thy God. How can we be celebrating something that is based upon heathen/pagan practices and be worshipping God acceptably? It is written, "God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth. (John 4:24)