The three themes of Christmas O'Malley Family Bible Study Jan 1, 2014

Around Christmas time there appears not 3 wise men but 3 main themes tied to Christmas. By far the most represented in public and private is some sort of Santa/wintery themed objects. The next item less in frequency and quantity is the nativity scene with Joseph, Mary, Jesus, Shepherds, Wise Men and animals. The last person that is very infrequently shown is the true biblical Jesus.

If an alien came down to earth before Christmas, looked around, jotted down some notes and departed. What type of report would the Alien write about on the activities going on here on earth.

The alien would write the earthlings:

- > Decorated their houses and yards with colorful lights and other winter themed displays.
- > Put up a fake tree or cut down a real tree and set it up inside with lights and hanging objects.
- Many of the large assembly places, where earthlings come together to listen to a wise person speak on a raised platform, were also decorated.
- > The earthlings frantically ran about shopping and buying things and then wrapped those things and placed it under the tree they set up
- > To the alien, it appeared that the earthlings were honoring a long ago event of a large fat man dressed in red who rode around in a flying object pulled by animals with horns on. The lead animal had a glowing red nose.
- The long ago event happened during a very cold and wintery/snowy time.
- The earthling children were lined up waiting to sit on that red fat man's disciples since they were located all over the country and many places within the same city.
- > The earthling parents taught their children to expect the red fat man's yearly return by leaving food and drink for him and empty socks for him to put things in.

The single abnormality noted in the alien's report was that it was difficult to explain was how in the midst of red fat men, flying animals with glowing noses, trees with lights on them, frenzied people buying and wrapping and giving things... there was a very small display usually not in the place of honor (the tree with lights or the red fat man were in those places) there was a man and a woman holding a child with animals nearby. This man/woman/child/animal display were only in some of the houses with lighted trees inside or in public areas with lighted trees/red fat man/flying animals with red nose.



The alien could only conclude in his final report that this abnormality, being the infrequent and the less honorable location of the display that this was by far a lesser deity compared to the red fat man. The red fat man riding a sliding box pulled by flying animals must have been an important god with mighty flying powers and very rich to supply gifts to his subjects waiting patiently for his return.

Walking around my workplace I saw Christmas display after Christmas displays but only one of them had a reference to Jesus Christ. If an alien walked around the halls at my work it would conclude that the people followed a god called Santa because Jesus or the nativity was shown only once and Santa themed displays were everywhere else. Joshua gave the Israelites a choice of gods to follow (Josh24:15) and we have the same choice today.

RSV Joshua 24:15 And if you be unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."





If Jesus or His angles came to your house, your neighborhood, your city, or your country and looked around, took notes, what would they conclude? - Mt15:8

## RSV Matthew 15:8 This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

You honor somebody by the amount of time, money and thoughts and where they fit among the daily, weekly, monthly and yearly activities. You show honor and respect by how much you show of one item over another.

The American flag is raised higher than the state flag. It would be a dishonor in the United States to put a Mexican flag over the US flag but this is what is done every year when more Santa themed items are bought/displayed in massive more quantity than the nativity at Christmas.

Update on the Blasphemy in Johnson City where they placed The Creator of all seen and unseen in the most un-honorable place they could: on the bathroom wall in the lighted city park. They placed Santa in the most honorable place - the gazebo to protect him from the elements.

8 postcards were sent to the Johnson City churches (listed below). I waited, I watched, I scoured the online Johnson city courier newspaper (<a href="http://www.jcrecordcourier.com/section/religion/">http://www.jcrecordcourier.com/section/religion/</a>) for any sign that those church leaders were as upset as I was. The sound of silence is all I heard. The abomination remained.



You shall have <b>no other gods before me</b> . (Ex 20:3)	
The first commandment was violated on Nov 30, 2013 when Santa Claus was raised higher than Jesus Christ.	
Santa Claus was placed in the Gazebo of City Park, Johnson City and Jesus was placed along the house of Excrement (restrooms).	
I urge you to inform your congregation and take action and remove Jesus and the nativity from the obscene location of the toilets.	
This is a battle between Satan and Jesus. Be counted worthy to fight for Jesus. Show Jesus his honor and move Him to the Gazebo.	
A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? (Mal 1:6)  - A Concerned Christian Ez33:9	

Another attempt to stir up the churches, this time the surrounding towns – Blanco and Dripping springs.

13 postcards to Blanco area churches and 14 postcards to Dripping Springs area churches. If the Johnson City churches couldn't/wouldn't do it then maybe the other 2 towns could help them out. Still the sound of silence is all I heard. The abomination still remains as of Dec 29, 2013.

I don't know if some church leaders:
A) looked at the card and tossed them or
B) made some effort in the community to
move the nativity to a more honorable
location.

All I know is the nativity still remains next to the toilet wall.



This demonstrate to me that the power of the devil overshadows and is more powerful in the Johnson City, Blanco and Dripping Spring churches and the churches lack power and strength or maybe even desire to join together and fight for Jesus' name.

Churches where the postcards were sent to:

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Church of Christ	First Baptist Church	Faith Christian Church	First United Methodist
P.O. Box 281	P.O. Box 417	1597 N US HWY 281	<u>Church</u>
Johnson City, TX 78636	Johnson City, TX 78636	Johnson City, TX 78636	P.O. Box 207
	-		Johnson City, TX 78636
Good Shepherd Catholic	House Of Mercy and	<u>Liberty Lighthouse</u>	St Thomas Episcopal Church
<u>Church</u>	<u>Evangelism</u>	Fellowship Church	263 Spur 962
PO Box 1608	405 Hwy 281 North	P.O. Box 345	Cypress Mill, TX 78665
Johnson City, Tx 78636	Johnson City, Tx 78636	Johnson City, TX 78636	
First Assembly of God	All Faiths Chapel	Blanco Cowboy Church	Abundant Grace Fellowship
Church	819 Elm St, Blanco, TX	245 Blanco Cowboy Church	650 Ranch Land Rd, Blanco,
419 Live Oak St, Blanco, TX 78606	78606	Trl, Blanco, TX 78606	TX 78606
Blanchard Baptist Church	St Michael & All Angels	Blanco United Methodist	St Ferdinand Catholic Church
FM 2457 & Fm 3126,	120 Singleton Dr, Blanco, TX	<u>Church</u>	25 Main St, Blanco, TX
Blanco, TX 78606	78606	61 Pecan St, Blanco, TX 78606	78606
Blanco Church Of Christ	Trinity Lutheran Church	New Hope Lutheran	First Baptist Church
102 Main St, Blanco, TX	703 Main St, Blanco, TX	819 Elm St, Blanco, TX	1200 4th St, Blanco, TX
78606	78606	78606	78606
Mount Horeb Baptist Church	First Apostolic Pentecostal	Church of The Spring	Saint Martin De Porres
593 Peyton Colony Rd,	<u>Church</u>	230 Sports Park Rd, Dripping	<u>Church</u>
Blanco, TX 78606	100 Timberline Dr, Dripping	Springs, TX 78620	26160 Ranch Road 12,
	Springs, TX 78620		Dripping Springs, TX 78620
Church Of The Holy Spirit	New Life Lutheran Church	Dripping Springs	Dripping Springs United
301 Hays Country Acres Rd,	120 Frog Pond Ln Ste 2A,	<u>Presbyterian</u>	<u>Mthdst</u>
Dripping Springs, TX 78620	Dripping Springs, TX 78620	100 S Canyonwood Dr,	28900 Ranch Road 12,
		Dripping Springs, TX 78620	Dripping Springs, TX 78620
Church Of Christ	First Assembly of God	Sunset Canyon Baptist	First Baptist Church
470 Old Highway 290,	Church	Church	203 W Highway 290,
Dripping Springs, TX 78620	419 Live Oak Cir, Dripping	4000 E Highway 290,	Dripping Springs, TX 78620
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First Baptist Church 299 Hays St, Dripping	Henly Baptist Church Parsonage		Hill Country Bible Church Dripping Springs
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35 churches both Catholic and Protestant and not one (as far as I have heard) protested and raised up the community to relocate the nativity. Not one of the churches were upset over the **7 Santa displays** compared to the **single Jesus** at the city park. Who did the park honor by the frequency of who was on display? - Santa.

It is interesting that the 8 Johnson city churches are all part of the Johnson city chamber of Commerce (http://www.johnsoncity-

texas.com/business category/churches.html). Why are the churches part of a business group? (stop making my Father's house a house of business Jn2:14-16 comes to mind).

Johnson City Chamber of Commerce local influence Johnson City Businesses Johnson City Churches Outsider of both IRS 501c3 -tax exempt org Federal Government control Parade Food/money raising booths Lighted City Park

groups calling event sinful

This chamber of commerce promoted the ungodly

parade, food/money raising booths and blasphemy of City park. Friendship with the world is making yourself an enemy towards God – Jm4:4. Any church within an organization that lifts up Santa over Jesus is a big blaring, blinking warning red flag of the deception in those churches (at least to me).

## RSV John 2:14-16

- 14 In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the moneychangers at their business.
- 15 And making a whip of cords, he drove them all, with the sheep and oxen, out of the temple; and he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.
- 16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade."

RSV James 4:4 Unfaithful creatures! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.



Jesus #1



Just reading Mt1:18-25, Mt2:1-20, Luke1:1-80, Luke2:1-40 you will quickly read the entire story of the birth of Jesus – how it actually happened (not how it's portrayed in public and taught by the churches).

Comparing what one reads to what they see in nativity scenes across the world some questions **should** arise.

**Question #1** Why are there animals shown in the nativity scene?

If the shepherds were in the field with the animals (Lk2:15) and were away from the manger then how could the animals be shown? Where are the biblical references to any animals present at Jesus' birth? Since the shepherds were in the field then it couldn't have been December time since all the animals were moved into the manger area by late October/mid November.

## Question #2 Why are the wise men shown at the nativity scene?

- a) Joseph, Mary and Jesus went to Egypt right after the wise men left to go back home. Yet in the gospel of Luke its mentioned that Joseph, Mary and Jesus went back home to Nazareth (North of Bethlehem) when they left Bethlehem (Lk2:39). Nazareth is in the opposite direction of Egypt (Southwest of Bethlehem).
- b) The word used to describe when the shepherds saw Jesus means a child 7 days or less (#1025). The word used to describe Jesus when the wise men saw him meant a child 8 days or older (#3813). You can't have 2 age descriptions on a child seen by 2 groups of people on the same day it's confusion.



c) The wise men saw Jesus in a house (Mt2:11) after at least after Mary's 40 days of purification (Lk2:21-22, Lev12:3-4,6-8) plus the long walk back home. It may take now under 2 hours by driving over 163 km (100 miles) on paved highway roads to get back home but Joseph, Mary and Jesus were on foot (no references to donkeys in the biblical story). All the nursing, cloth diaper changing, sleep stops would push the time to reach Nazareth to maybe 7 to 10 days (assuming 10 miles a day march).

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Why get bent out of shape over whether or not there were animals at Jesus' birth or whether the wise men saw him at the birth or some time later. The main idea is that Jesus Christ was born and that by His death and resurrection has saved all – right?

The reason to get bent out of shape is if the churches across the land are totally ignorant on a few clear bible verses describing the birth of Jesus (meaning they haven't read or understood a very simple, non-salvation, milk of the word bible story.) then how confident should one be by listening to those same churches that they will be able to faithfully explain the truth on meatier matters such as how one is able to have their sins removed. They are the blind leading the blind (Mt15:14).

If the churches can't be trusted to tell the truth on a tiny fact then those churches can't be trusted to tell the truth on the salvation truth -Lk16:10.

RSV Matthew 15:14 Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit."

RSV Luke 16:10 "He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

The bible says you SHALL love God with ALL your heart, soul and mind – Mt22:37. And that the bible is the truth – Jn17:17. The Church is supposed to be the pillar of truth – 1Tim3:15. The churches should be the ones upholding all the bible facts no matter if it goes against the "traditions of man" – Mat15:6.

RSV Matthew 22:37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

RSV John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth.

RSV 1 Timothy 3:15 if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth.

KJV Mat 15:6 And honour not his father or his mother, *he shall be free*. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

I'm not opposed to celebrating Jesus' birth – it was a blessed event. One can choose to celebrate that special day any day of the year. What I am opposed to is saying that you are celebrating Jesus' birth but spending all/most time/money/effort on Santa and wintery themed items.

If one does choose to celebrate Jesus' birth then at least read the bible accounts of Jesus' birth in the book of Matthew and Luke and harmonize both gospel accounts and celebrate only Jesus that day. Forgo the lights, trees, gift giving, Santa, reindeer, elves, snow....

Honor and Respect is what everyone wants from everybody else but there is no honor, respect and fear towards Jesus (Mal1:6) when you place Him against the wall of a fecal house. You don't show fear towards Jesus in that manner. Jesus' return will show who the organizers should have feared – the wrath of Christmas goers or the wrath of Jesus (Mal1:14).

RSV Malachi 1:6 "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. You say, 'How have we despised thy name?'

RSV Malachi 1:14 Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished; for I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared among the nations.

Regards, David O'Malley

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2013 Completed Bible studies - 1/1/14 – the 3 themes of Christmas	Future studies 1- Second round Prophet
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- 2- Conduits of evil/parable of the ant (~Halloween)
  3- Fear of the Lord

- 4- End time parables of Jesus part 3 Heaven 5- End time parables of Jesus part 4 Outer darkness
- War in the Heavens: In search for a Power source
- Battle for the land
- wait, what happens if you don't wait
- The Great Mountain Nation: what it is and what it isn't
- Enoch calendar overlaid on the prophets' end times The final battle: the war scrolls
- Apostles describing the end times
- Revelation end times overlaid on Prophet's end times
- Lost Acts, Washington, legends, folk tales History/Archeology of the movements of His people
- Christian Soldiers group maneuvers
- Understanding, knowledge and wisdom & Fear connection Fall of Jerusalem: departure of the King of Kings
- The Law intro/controversy/importance
- The Law distant, past, now, future