

Shayla: Are Christianity and Wicca compatible?

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Authoritative Scripture: Wiccans have no common scripture, only intuitive convictions. On the other hand, the Ransomed believe that the Bible is God's ultimate authority.¹

God: The Wiccan deity is a polarity of a horned male god and a Mother goddess. Though Wiccans claim that this brings balance to their religion, the truth of the matter is that the vast majority view the horned god as inferior to the goddess.

The Ransomed believe that there is one true God expressed through the three Persons of the Trinity and personified in the only begotten Son of God.²

The Wiccan goddess is known in three aspects which are called the Maiden, Mother and Crone. She is sometimes identified as the "Queen of Heaven" or "Astarte." Her consort, the Horned One, is associated with the sun. The Bible repeatedly condemns the worship of Ishtar, also known as Astarte, or Ashtoreth, or the "queen of heaven."³

The Horned One is not only considered the goddess' consort, He is also her son! Each year he is born of the goddess, becomes her lover and dies only to be reborn the following year from his own seed. This is obviously simply a knock-off of the ancient Baal worship.

Between the association with ancient Babylonian mystery religions that were the origin of this ancient lie (first perpetuated by Nimrod's mother) and the obvious ties to reincarnation, the Wiccan view is completely incompatible with Christianity.

We find this association with ancient Babylon particularly intriguing in view of 1) Wicca being the "fastest growing religion in America"⁴ and 2) our future persecutors being described as Babylonian worshippers of a female goddess/queen.⁵

Man: Wiccans view humans as possessors of an inner divinity that allows them to connect with the god and goddess. Their view can be defined as panentheism which basically means that all the universe and everything within the universe is fundamentally divine. Thus, they see nothing wrong with worshipping a tree or a fellow human. The Bible is very clear in stating that this view is utterly, fundamentally, dangerously wrong.⁶

Occult figures: The Wiccan practice of using witches, warlocks and mediums, as well as their emphasis on ghosts, was actually considered part of a curse in the Scriptures.⁷ God abandons those who depend on divination, fortune telling and other occult practices.⁸

Occult paraphernalia: Wiccans also routinely use charms, totems, totem poles or other occult paraphernalia as part of their worship. During times of apostasy and idolatry, Israelites copied the superstitions of pagans, including the practice of wearing magic charms which Wicca encourages. God uttered a stern warning to the false prophetesses of Israel who wore amulets.⁹ The "magic bands" ("keseth" Strong's #3704) were bands, fillets, covered amulets or false phylacteries that were used by false prophetesses in Israel to support their demonic fortune-telling schemes.

Pagan peoples also possessed larger talismans called teraphim, also known as 'household idols'. These miniature images were kept in the home or would be taken along when on journeys. God was against them.¹⁰

¹ 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21

² John 10:30; 12:44-45; 14:9-11

³ Judges 2:11-13; 2 Kings 23:4-6; 23:11; Jeremiah 44:15-27

⁴ Charlotte Allen, "The Scholars and the Goddess" *The Atlantic Monthly* (January 2001): 18.

⁵ Revelation 17:1-6

⁶ Leviticus 19:4; 26:1; 1 Chronicles 16:26; Psalm 97:7; 1 Timothy 2:5-6

⁷ Isaiah 19:3

⁸ Leviticus 19:26; Deuteronomy 18:10-14; 2 Kings 21:1-7; Isaiah 2:6; 57:3-5; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21

⁹ Ezekiel 13:17-20

¹⁰ 2 Kings 23:24

Whenever idols and other magic charms are mentioned in Scripture, God's attitude is one of chastisement against them.¹¹

Divination: Wiccans also practice divination, where the future is supposedly foretold through observation of the stars, dropping special bones or the use of tarot cards. However, the Bible teaches that those who consult with astrologers and use astrology for guidance in their lives will be worn out and consumed like stubble. They will not find salvation or deliverance.¹²

Divination is actually regarded to be a grave sin. It is rebellion against God's authority.¹³ God prohibits the practice of divination.¹⁴ When the Israelites were about to enter the Promised Land of Canaan, He warned them not to practice it.¹⁵

Besides, human attempts at divination are usually nothing more than scams. When King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, he summoned the magicians, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. They were useless.¹⁶ The astrologers of Babylon were unable to help the King with this troublesome dream.

However, God had blessed his prayerful prophet Daniel with the true gifts of the Holy Spirit, and he was brought before the king to interpret the dream. With God's anointing, Daniel was able to describe and explain the king's prophetic dream.¹⁷

Christ: Jesus has almost no place within Wiccan belief though some are willing to allow that He might have been a good teacher. The majority of Wiccans, though, actually see the Messiah as an enemy. For a Christian ("Christ-one"), this tenet is fundamentally divisive.¹⁸

Sin: Wiccans do not believe in actual sin so they do not believe that they need to be "saved" from anything. Their only moral guide is "Do what you will if it harm none." Since they think that joy is found in expressing and enjoying everything that their gods have given them, and since their gods are at heart fertility gods, they "find god" in eating, drinking and having sex. The Bible teaches that humans have a far higher calling than this.¹⁹

In this view, the Bible is not being prudish because it teaches that sex is good. It was humanity's first mandate from God and it is a beautiful and holy thing – within the safe boundaries of marriage.²⁰

Conclusion: In view of these radically different and frequently warring views, we find that while the Ransomed should love its practitioners, they should have a profound hatred of this neo-pagan idolatrous trap because it is leading its followers to an eternal, godless state. The differences are so fundamentally at odds that they are irreconcilable. No one acquiescing to this view will find a place of leadership in our church.

¹¹ Psalm 31:6

¹² Isaiah 47:13-15

¹³ 1 Samuel 15:23

¹⁴ Leviticus 19:26

¹⁵ Deuteronomy 18:9, 12-14

¹⁶ Daniel 2:10

¹⁷ Daniel 2:27-28

¹⁸ Philippians 1:20-21; 2:9-11

¹⁹ Romans 13:13-14; 1 Corinthians 6:12-13; 2 Corinthians 12:21; Galatians 5:19-21

²⁰ Genesis 1:27-28; 1 Corinthians 7:3-5; Hebrews 13:4