

Does This Pagan Holiday Reveal Our Culture's Addiction to the Occult?

Next week, on May 1, we mark a pagan holiday which has been celebrated from the most ancient of times until the present.

The European druids celebrated May 1 as "Beltane", a holiday named after their god "Bel" and the word for fire, "Tane." On Beltane, all fires were extinguished except for the sacred fires of the druids, which were then used to start new fires. The ritual actually traces back to Babylon, as does the name of the pagan god "Bel."

Another ritual of Beltane was celebrated by gathering around the "May Pole." The pole actually represented the Cosmic Axis, or North Pole, and this type of celebration has been found as far away as the North American Indians. The pole is also a phallic symbol, similar to the Egyptian obelisk, echoing the pagan claim that their god is the "seed of woman" (See Gen 3:15), a title that belongs only to Jesus Christ.

Another feature of the May 1 celebration is its position 52 days, or one seventh of a year, from the summer solstice, an important pagan worship date and the focal point of the ancient Stonehenge monument. The day 52 days after the summer solstice, August 15, is also a druid holiday known as Lughnasa. Interestingly, these dates are also celebrated by the Mayans and form the structure of their 260-day, or five-sevenths of a year, calendar. The Egyptians also built a 52-day period into the Great Pyramid, although their periods are tied to the winter, not summer, solstice.

These amazing connections between Babylon, Egypt, the Druids, and the American Indians are merely one of many examples worldwide of common cultural practices. For those who

understand that the Bible presents an accurate history of humanity, it is a simple matter to trace those beliefs back to the time when all humanity was gathered into one place: Babylon. It was the event we call the Tower of Babel, actually a civil war, which scattered the people and their practices across the earth. And it was God who sent Jesus to save humanity from the false religion born in Babylon.

Next week we can celebrate a Christian May Day where we recognize the goodness and mercy of God as He has poured out his grace on our societies. The National Day of Prayer, May 4, gives us the opportunity to thank God for His mercies and humble ourselves to pray for our nation.

The lesson of May Day is the provable reality of God's word. Let us learn our lesson and pray that our nation will not go the way of the Babylonians, Egyptians, druids and Mayans who turned away from God on May Day. {eo}

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