

stockings are hung. The children are generally nestled in their beds as early as possible in anxious anticipation of the soon coming visit. Some leave food, snacks and pastries out as a treat for Santa.

Just who is this little fat elf in the red felt suit? Does he really exist? Many have written of him. There are songs and movies that portray him as being real, but he isn't!

Do you remember when you discovered that Santa wasn't real? Do you remember how much of a let-down that was? One man once told me that when he finally found out that his parents, whom he loved and trusted very much, had lied to him about Santa Claus, then he was also going to look into this J-sus Chr-st thing and see if that was also real.

Even though most of us may not have reacted in such a distrusting manner, it certainly is a big let-down when one discovers that a being that he has been taught to look up to and love very much doesn't even exist! What's more, one does learn that one's parents haven't been on the up and up and are, therefore, capable of lying to you.

CONSEQUENCES OF LIES

Everyone, except for the little children who are purposely deceived, knows that Santa is not real. Little children are so open, honest and naive that they will believe just about anything their parents will tell them. For parents to purposely mislead their children is damaging, to say the least.

Where do lies come from? Yahshua said, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it," Jn. 8:44.

Satan the devil is the father of lies. Have any parents ever thought that when they are deceiving, lying to their children about Santa Claus that they are following in the footsteps of and mimicking the father of lies, Satan the devil? Believe it or not, such is the case.

Satan lied to Eve in the garden of Eden. Yahweh had told the man Adam that he could eat of every tree of the garden, but he was not to

eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:16-17). Notice that He told the man that if he took of that tree he would die (v. 17). Satan lied to Eve and said, "Ye shall not surely die....," Gen. 3:4.

Eve may have believed the serpent because she wanted to, but he contradicted Yahweh's word through lies, deceived the woman into taking of the tree and her husband, Adam, followed suit bringing the penalty of sin and death on every man (Ro. 5:12-19; 1 Cor. 15:21-22).

Such is the power of lies. Lies kill, lies murder, lies are of Satan the devil. Satan, through his lies, has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9).

THE ELF

Santa is called a jolly old *elf*. His supposed helpers are *elves*. Just what are elves anyway? The *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 14th Edition, Vol. 8 has this to say about elf, "a diminutive supernatural being of Teutonic mythology, usually mischievous, causing diseases and evil dreams, stealing children and substituting changelings." (p. 353.)

Webster's New World Dictionary gives the etymology of the word elf as coming from the German word *alb* meaning **nightmare**. It gives the definition as; a tiny, often prankish fairy, supposedly exercising magic powers and haunting woods and hills; sprite. *The Consolidated-Webster Comprehensive Encyclopedic Dictionary* reveals that an *elf* and *goblin* are one and the same thing. A *goblin* is described as an evil or mischievous sprite.

Elves are generally depicted as tiny woodland entities that are very similar to the Greek God Pan and the Roman God Faunas in other words they have the ears and beard of a goat.



THE NAME SANTA CLAUS

What does the name Santa Claus mean and where does it come from? Santa Claus is simply another form for the name Saint Nickolas. Nickolas is a Greek name. Nickolas is a name that is a compound of two words *Nike* and *laos*. *Nike* is a primitive Greek

word meaning victory, conquest, to conquer. *Laos* means people. Nickolas, therefore, means Victor, or Conqueror of the people.

We read in Rev. 6:1, "And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, 'Come and see.' And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering and to conquer." The words *conquering* and *conquer* both stem from the Greek word *Nike*.

Yahshua explained the first seal in Mat. 24:4-5, "And Yahshua answered and said unto them, 'Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in My name, saying, 'I am Messiah;' and shall deceive many.'"

The one sitting on the white horse, going forth to conquer (*nike*) the people (*laos*, [Nickolas]) is doing so in deceit. The one on the white horse is not the TRUE Messiah but a false messiah. He conquers the many with deceit.

Santa Claus (Saint Nickolas) is a conqueror of the people. He is used to conquer the hearts of our children at their youngest and most tender age. He conquers their hearts through deceit for he is not real. The sad thing is the lie comes through the child's closest living relatives, his parents.

Santa Claus is also associated with the time of the year that is supposedly the birthdate of the Savior. But this is yet another lie that is foisted upon an unsuspecting public (see our tract titled "Just Whose Birthday Is December 25th?")

THEY LOVE A LIE

Santa Claus is a character of mythology, falsehood, fables. The Apostle Paul warned, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto **fables**," 2 Tim. 4:3-4.

Satan is the one who loves lies. He is the father of lies. Paul warns that one is coming, "Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because **they received not the love of the truth**, that

they might be saved. And for this cause Yahweh shall send them strong delusion, that **they should believe a lie**: that they all might be damned (judged) who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness,” 2 Thes. 2:9-12.

Santa Claus may not be the one that this Scripture is speaking of, but he is a part of the system of lies, falsehood, fables, etc. which is used to sow the seeds of deceit and destruction.

The prophet Isaiah was inspired to write, “Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: That this is a rebellious People, lying children, children that will not hear the law of Yahweh. Which say to the seers, ‘See not;’ and to the prophets, ‘Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us,” Isa. 30:8-11

Many people argue that Santa Claus is harmless. After all he is just for the children. They worry about what people would do without Christmas and old Santa. But the truth is, things would be much better for them if they would only serve and worship Yahweh according to the way that He has commanded.

It seems hard to believe that men love lies, but the Scriptures are replete with the revelation that such is the case. They are full of warnings against going the wrong way while those to whom the warnings are spoken and written, continue to go on heedlessly against the warnings.

Satan is a very subtle deceiver. He makes his false ways to appear as if they are the way of light. Even though they look beautiful and harmless, the intent behind it all is very evil indeed. Satan’s purpose is to glorify himself and his ways. He wants to keep people from having a good and truthful relationship with our Heavenly Father Yahweh and His Beloved Son Yahshua.

REPENT

Admittedly, it is very difficult to go against the grain. After all, the great overall majority are in favor of Santa Claus and do observe Christmas. But, remember that Yahshua said that it would be the many that go the broad way to destruction (Mt. 7:13). He also said that many are called, but few are chosen (Mt. 20:16; 23:14).

Don’t let the majority persuade you to lose out on

your calling. The Apostle Peter cried out, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,” Acts 2:38. The Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth, “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come He will guide you into all truth,” Jn. 16:13. The world cannot receive this Spirit, “Even the Spirit of truth; Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you,” Jn. 14:17.

Don’t be foolish and let a deception like Santa Claus conquer you.

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JUST WHO IS

SANTA CLAUS?



He is called Santa Claus, Old Saint Nick, Saint Nicholas, Kris Kringle, a jolly old Elf and other acronyms. He lives at the North Pole, rides in a sleigh drawn by 8 tiny reindeer and visits every home in the world on Christmas Eve bringing gifts to all, especially children. Just who is this jolly little fat man? The answer is surprising!

Santa Claus is a name that is riveted in the heart of the great overall majority of young children in the United States and many other parts of the world. Children love him, they write to him, they sing of him. When Christmas time nears there are many men who don Santa Claus suits and appear in parades, shopping malls, toy stores, etc., all over the country. Many, many of the little children are taken for a visit to these men so that they can put in their special request for their Christmas toys.

On Christmas Eve the trees are all trimmed and