

Syncretism: A Strategy of Satan

The sin of syncretism is “the amalgamation or attempted amalgamation of different religions, cultures, or schools of thought. "Interfaith dialogue can easily slip into syncretism".ⁱ It is the mixing of truth with error. It can also be putting a Christian name on a pagan idol or practice...

Syncretism is a strategy of Satan. He knows God is against it and will not tolerate it in his people...

The celebration of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus by Christians in modern times has also taken on a syncretistic form. Easter baskets and bunnies have now become part of the celebration. This is a clear example of syncretism. The motive may be neutral, but at the least, it is inappropriate to mix the holy with the worldly. Some see Easter rabbits and eggs as a sign of fertility reminiscent of pagan practices.ⁱⁱ

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” Is. 5:20

It is clear where we are going with these historical points, Halloween is not a biblical holiday, neither is it a neutral holiday like Thanksgiving in the United States and Canada which was designated as a day to give thanks to God. Halloween is absolutely a pagan holiday. The question do we follow the practice of the Celtic Catholics and ‘Christianize’ it?

As Pentecostals, are we following the same type of pattern of syncretism to foster acceptance, or for any other reason, whatever it may be? Is God pleased with associating ourselves with such a pagan holiday? Do we remove the evil connotations of it by putting a new name on it but still practicing some of its principal customs? Some churches are even having costume parties of worldly sorts, haunted houses on the church property, and much more. Is God pleased with this? Once you jump into it, where do you draw the line?

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ⁱ Oxford Languages Dictionary.

ⁱⁱ Hislop, Alexander, *The Two Babylons, The Papal worship proved to be the worship of Nimrod and his wife Semiramis*, Chapter 5, 1916.