

“Easter”

BASKETS, BUNNIES, AND BIG OLE EGGS

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This is the time of the year we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. All across the country Churches will be preaching about the Empty Tomb and rightly so. Many of them will then turn to fables and have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. 2 TIMOTHY 4:4

Sounds innocent doesn't it? Besides, it is for a good cause. Isn't it? Perhaps we should examine the whole thing in light of the Word of God and history past.

The origin of the egg dates back to ancient Babylon. Their mythology varies depending on the part of the world one is in. The Hindu fables make their egg of a golden color. The people of Japan have their sacred egg brazen.



In China, they dye or paint eggs for their sacred festivals, much like what we do in the U.S.A.

“In ancient times eggs were used in the religious rites of the Egyptians and the Greeks, and were hung up for mystic purposes in their temples.



From Egypt these sacred eggs can be distinctly traced to the banks of the Euphrates. The classic poets are full of the fable of the mystic egg of the Babylonians; and thus its tale is told by Hyginus, in the time of Augustus, who was skilled in all the wisdom of his native country:” “An egg of wondrous size is said to have fallen from heaven into the river Euphrates. The fishes rolled it to the bank, where the doves settled upon it, and hatched it. Out came Venus who afterwards was called the Syrian Goddess, that is Astarte. Hence the egg became one of the symbols of Astarte or Easter; and accordingly, in Cyprus, one of the chosen seats of the worship of Venus, or Astarte, the egg of wondrous size was represented on a grand scale.” (The Two Babylons p.108-109)

The Romish Church adopted this mystic egg of Astarte, connected with their false doctrine of the queen of heaven, as a symbol the resurrection of Christ. (The Bible condemns the worship of the Queen of Heaven. JEREMIAH 7:18, 44:17-25) Easter was a pagan holiday honored by Herod who was Roman, not a Jew. The festival involved a celebration of reproduction generally held in late April. It was originally a form of celebration of the earth “regenerating” itself after winter. Since it is a celebration of Reproduction the symbols of its festivities consisted of the egg, and the rabbit. (Same as the Playboy Bunny) Get it? Both are known for their ability to reproduce.

For years Bible scholars have been dumb founded by this passage; claiming the word Easter should have been translated “passover.” However, the Passover had already passed by the time of the “days of unleavened bread.” ACTS 12:3, NUMBERS 28:16-18, DEUTERONOMY 16:1-8 Once again the Old King James has it right. Perhaps the problem with the modernist preacher is he spends too much time in the Easter Basket and not enough time in the Bible! Yes sir, the egg was pushed to shore and right into the Church. This fable pagan goddess of love has made its way into the Church of the Living God, and we have the unwed pregnant girls in our land to prove it.

It is not enough for the religious world to hunt Easter eggs. It worries them that you will not. Well we are just trying to have some fun for the kids; is their claim. That’s the same thing the young people of America were trying to do when they got pregnant out of wedlock. (Just having fun.) When people trade FACTS for fun it always becomes disastrous. Is it not sad? Today we are trying to preach about The Resurrected Saviour and what does the majority of the religious world and Baptist think about?

“Preacher, are we going to have a Easter Egg Hunt for the Kids?” Well, if we do we’ll have to hide the Word of God first. That’s what the modernist has done. However, God is still looking and one day He will deal with the matter. As for me and my house, we’ll stick with the Word. As for the rest?

HAPPY HUNTING!

(Dr. Samuel C. Gipp has an excellent comment on this subject in his book, *The Answer Book*, page 3-8) (This article is not intended as an in depth study on this vast subject.)