

Valentine's Day, love and friendship day, or sexual immortality feast?

1. **Valentine's Day:** Just as Christmas, Easter, Easter Week, New year and other celebrations around the world, Valentine's Day is other attempt to hide perverted customs and other pagan gods' observances and idols to Christianize them. Despite the seeming innocent and inoffensive, Valentine's Day's customs and traditions originate from two of the most sexually perverted festivals of ancient history: **Lupercalia** and the feast of June's day Februata. Celebrated on February 15th, Lupercalia (known as "**sexual license feast**") was maintained for the ancient Romans in honor to Lupercus, the fertility and agriculture god, was worshiped as a protector of herds and crops, and a powerful hunter, especially of wolves. The Romans believed that Lupercus protected Rome from wolf packs, which devoured cattle and people. It wasn't until 496 AD that the Church of Rome could do something about Lupercalia. Unable to remove it, **Pope Gelasius moved it** from February 15th to February 14th and named it Saint Valentine's Day. This was named for one of the saints from that church, who, in 270 AD, was executed by the emperor due to his beliefs. Helped by vestal virgins, the Luperci (masculine priests) conducted purification rituals by sacrificing goats and a dog in Lupercus cave, at the foot of Palatine Hill, where Romans believed that the twins Romulus and Remus had been fed and cared for by a wolf before finally founding Rome. Dressed up in a loincloth made from sacrificed goats and sprayed with their blood, the Luperci ran through Rome hitting women with februa, straps made of scarified goats fur. The Luperci believed that whipping purified women assured their fertility and easy birth for their women. After Constantine made the Roman church the official religion of the Roman emperor (in 325 AD), the church leaders wanted to remove people's pagan festivals. Lupercalia was the first one on their list, but the Roman citizens thought differently. It was not until 496 AD that the Roman church could do something about Lupercalia. Unable to remove it, Pope Gelasius moved it from February 15th to February 14th and named it Saint Valentine's Day. The church covered Lupercalia even more. Instead of putting the girls' names into a box, the "saints" names were picked by boy and girls. Then each person had the responsibility to imitate the life of saint they had picked. This was Rome's vain attempt to "cover" a pagan observance by "Christianizing" it, God has not given any man power nor authority to do this. Although, Rome's church had forbidden the sexual drawing, young men still practiced a weaker version of it, by sending the women they desired a romantic handwritten message containing Saint Valentine's name.
2. February derives from februa or "purification means". For the Romans, February was also sacred because of Juno Februata, **the febris goddess ("fever") of love**, and women and marriage. On February 14th, they put bills (little pieces of paper, each one having written the name of a teenager) in a container. The young teenagers then chose a bill randomly. The boys and girls whose names were chosen became a "couple", and joined erotic games in festivals and feasts around Rome. After the festival, they stayed as sexual partners for the rest of the year. This custom was observed for centuries in the Roman Empire. In 494 AD, Pope Gelasius renamed the Juno Februata festival as "Feast of Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary". The date of its observance was later moved from February 14th to February 2nd. It is also known as Candlemas, Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus, Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Feast of the presentation of Jesus at the Temple.
3. Over the centuries, Saint Valentine's Day cards became popular, especially at end of 18th Century and at the beginning of 19th Century. These cards were painted with pictures of Cupid and hearts, and carefully decorated with silk, lace, or flowers. Valentine comes from the Latin *Valentinus*, which derives from *valens* – "being strong, brave, big, powerful." **The Bible describes a man with a similar title:** "*Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is said, 'Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.'*" (Genesis 10. 8-9). It was said that he hunted with a bow and an arrow. For the Greeks, from whom the Romans had copied most part of their mythology, **Lupercus** was known as Pan, the **god of the light**. Phoenicians adored the same deity, whom they called **Baal, god of the sun**. Baal was one of Nimrod's many names or titles, a vigorous hunter, especially of wolves. He also was the founder and first lord of Babel (Genesis 10. 10-12). Challenging God, Nimrod was the originator of what the Bible calls the mystery Babylonian religion, whose mythologies have been copied by the Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, and a multitude of other ancient peoples. Under different names and titles – Pan, Lupercus, Saturn, Osiris – Nimrod is a strong man and warrior, god hunter of the ancients. The title Baal means "lord" or "master", and is mentioned through the Bible as the pagan's god. God warned his people not to adore or even tolerate Baal's ways (Nimrod). In the ancient Chaldean (the Babylonian language), Bal, which is similar to Baal, **means "heart"**. **Here is where Valentine's heart symbol was originated.**
4. Cupid comes from the Latin verb *cupere* that means "desire". Cupid was Venus' son, the Roman goddess of beauty and love. Known as well as Eros in ancient Greece, he was Aphrodite's son. According to the myth, he was responsible for impregnating many goddesses and mortals. Cupid was an archer of childish appearance (remember, Nimrod was a skillful archer). Mythology describes Cupid with both personalities, wicked and happy. He used his invisible arrows, with the tip covered with gold, to hit naive men and women, causing them to fall crazily in love with each other. He did not do this for their benefit, but to manage them with intense passion, to make their lives miserable, and to laugh of the consequences. "Thus says the Lord "Do not learn

the way of the Gentiles [...] For the customs of the peoples are futile..." Jeremiah 10.2-3. "[...] And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." Matthew 15:9. God describes "**pagans**" as **those who adore things He has created** (animals, the sun, the moon, the stars, trees, etc.), **or idols made by man**, or anything but the one and only God. He calls pagans those people and their practices. **True Christians understand that God hates any custom, practice, and tradition whose foundations are pagan.** "According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances." Leviticus 18.3. "Therefore you shall keep My ordinance, so that you do not commit any of these abominable customs which were committed before you, and that you do not defile yourselves by them: I am the Lord your God." Leviticus 18.30. The Israelites were severely punished because they committed pagan customs, rituals, traditions, and practices. Nowadays, parents hope their children "fall in love" and have boyfriends and girlfriends. They think it is "cute" when little boys and girls hold hands and act as couples kissing each other when no one watches them. However, these parents get surprise when their teenagers, "little girls", get pregnant, or when they get a sexually transmitted disease, or have an abortion behind their backs. Saint Valentine's Day is just one of the many tools that "the god of this world" (2 Cor 4.4) uses to make parents sacrifice their *children's innocence*.

5. **Today:** When adolescents choose the names of other teenagers in a draw and send each other Saint Valentine's Day cards and presents, professing their "love", they are learning the first steps of intimate relationships that God creator specifically designated for emotionally mature adults. Instead of holding on to youthful, worryless innocence, growing without the headaches and sadness of rushed adulthood (such as looking for a job, paying bills, getting married, rising a family, etc.), nowadays children are taught to desire each other. They are trapped in the daily drama of if you love me you can sleep with me; I am pregnant; the child is not mine; she had an abortion. By when they reach adulthood, virtually each piece of innocence, sincerity, and moral decency had been stolen from them. Emotionally drained, they are sick of the world they are living in, thinking "I have already been there, I have already done it", and yet, their lives are just beginning. This is the reason why we live in a world where virgin teenagers are hard to find, where those that used to be call "**lovers**" and "**living under sin**" are now **simply called "living together"**; where sex is nothing more than a nonsense physical reaction, emotionless and careless; where people change their sexual partner as easily as they change clothes; where twenty-year-old or thirty-year-old singles have had at least five sexual life partners; where men are not call "husband", or "fiancé" but "my second baby's father". Satan has cheated the whole world (Apo 12.9) in multiple ways, especially in intimate relationship matters. Saint Valentine's Day is just a cheating tool. Regarding this pagan and satanic system, God commands true Christians "**Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.**" (**Revelations 18.4**)
6. Saint Valentine's Day originates from ancient paganism of this world influenced by Satan. This day is designed to cheat humanity, appealing to fleshy desires, or as the Bible says, fleshy acts. "Now, the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry [...] drunkenness, revelries, and the like [...]" (Galatians 5.19-21) Does any of these sound like Lupercalia? Fundamentally, "those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

A true Christian is focused on God's soon coming Kingdom (Mat 6.33) and the prompt coming world, not in the strong fleshy desires of this world. A true Christian must strive to "remove the old man" and actively imitate the perfect and righteous example of Jesus. A Christian must actively get out of this world, out of the customs, practices and traditions infected by paganism. **Christians do not celebrate Valentine's Day!**

Blessings.

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