

The Cross of Christ vs. The “Accursed Tree”

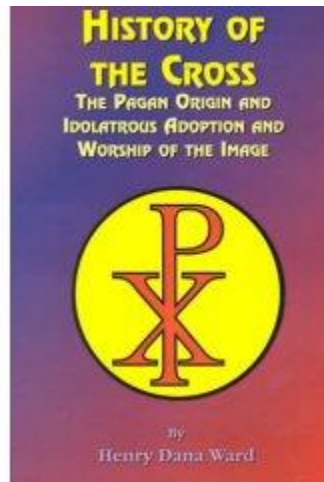
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Exodus 20:4-5: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God..."

Deut. 21:22-23: ¶ And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

Gal 3:13-14: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

History of the Cross



Book Description As many have suspected, there is much more to the true, authentic history of the Christian religion than what we had originally been told. Some claims regarding the Church's history are accurate, some are not. The most extreme claims against the religion come from the atheist camp and often remain unproved. But this book is completely different. It comes from a devout Christian, Henry Dana Ward, a believer in Christ who backs himself up with scholarly research and facts. Why, then, was this book written if it goes against traditional beliefs and acceptance? It is because the traditional beliefs surrounding the cross and its worship are wrong! It took time for us to eventually accept the cross in its current form and to worship it and, according to Ward, this was a pagan symbol that should never have been adopted. Idols were not to be worshipped by the earliest of Christians, and the cross was no exception to this rule. **Not worshipping** the cross is consistent with early Christianity and is not heretical. Its lack of worship is part of Christianity's foundational beliefs and its exclusion should be part of the religion's current structure, according to Ward. **Revering the cross is based on lies, deception, and ignorance.** Ward shows how the lies began, who spread them, and how and why they did it.

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The Cross Symbol Christian or Pagan?

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The Pre-Christian History of the Cross:

The truth is that the cross has been used both as a religious symbol and as an ornament from the dawn of man's civilization. Various objects dating from periods **long before the Christian era**, have been found marked with crosses of different designs in almost every part of the old world. The cross symbol was found in Scandanavia: The Tau cross symbolized the hammer of the God Thor. In Hinduism, the vertical shaft represents the higher, celestial states of being; the horizontal bar represents the lower, earthly states. The 4th picture of a cross above is an ankh cross and is from Egypt (A Tau cross topped by an inverted tear shape.) and is associated with Maat, their Goddess of Truth. It also represents the sexual union of Isis and Osiris. The use of a human effigy on a cross in the form of a scarecrow has been used from ancient times also. In historic times a human would be sacrificed and hung on a cross just the way the many Churches of the Christian religion depicts today. The sacrifice would later be chopped to pieces; his blood and pieces of flesh were widely distributed and buried to encourage crop fertility.

The first picture in the top row above also has an X at the top depicting the cross of Constantine the Great who stated that he saw a sign from the Christian, (Catholic) God showing that he would win the battle he was about to engage in. The sign Constantine saw was an X in the Sun and that is why he commanded it put with the Catholic cross as shown above. It should be noted that Constantine was a Sun worshipper and that is why he looked into the Sun for a sign. We have found in our research that many monuments in ancient Babylon depict the mother goddess Semiramis, and the child in

her arms which is the old pagan god Tammuz and is where the worship of the Catholic and Protestant cross came from. It has been proven that the cross represents the first letter of the name Tammuz with the top moved down.

The first crucifixion scenes didn't appear in Christian art until the 7th century by the Catholic Church. The so called body of Jesus was not shown at that time like the one seen in the row of pictures above. The original cross symbol was in the form of a Tau Cross as shown and it was so named because it looked like the letter tau or our letter " T ". One author states that the Catholic Church copied the symbol from the Pagan Druids who made crosses in this form to represent the Thau (god). This was done so those that worshipped this pagan god Tau would come into the Catholic Church. The Tau cross later became associated with St. Philip who was allegedly crucified on such a cross in Phrygia. May Day, a major Druidic seasonal day of celebration, became St. Philip's Day. Later in Catholic church history, the Tau Cross became the "Roman Cross" that we are familiar with today.