## Les origines de Noël

## Réponse à l'article:

Selon vous, est-ce que notre façon de célébrer Noël de nos jours plaît vraiment à Dieu, sachant que la plupart de nos traditions se proviennent des fêtes anciennes qui servaient à honorer de faux dieux? Imaginez que vous parlez à Jésus face à face à ce sujet. Que dirait-il?

Quelle est la signification des versets suivants cités dans l'article: Matthieu 15:9, Marc 7:9, Jérémie 10:2-5, 2 Rois 17:33-34, Deutéronome 12:29-32? Est-ce que ces versets peuvent s'appliquer à la fête de Noël? Oui ou non. Expliquez.

The article you read was written by an author who belongs to The Restored Church of God, which is an offshoot of the Worldwide Church of God and therefore considered to be a cult. However, the article discusses themes and historical facts that are not particular and/or exclusive to this one organization. Even secular sources will account for the pagan origins of Christmas and its related traditions. (See below for just a few of many links on this subject.) The reason I chose the article "La veritable origine de Noël" was because of its readability for students at your level of French. Though no doubt challenging for you, it is nonetheless fairly easy to follow, is divided into short, clear subsections, and addresses relatively succinctly all of the main issues, including key passages of Scripture, which I wanted to cover on this topic.

My main purpose for this assignment is that you search the Scriptures for yourself to know what may or may not be acceptable to God concerning many of the traditions that we often just blindly embrace because those who have gone before us have practised them. We need to question why we do the things we do and realize that Satan has always been around since the very beginning to deceive us and to lead us away from God's principles of holiness and righteousness.

Matthew 24:24 says, "For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect." That means that anyone who does not seek answers from the Bible itself rather than simply accepting what others, even pastors or leaders, may have told them, is at risk of being led astray. Examine the Scriptures for yourself when seeking God's truth about any issue.

## Links

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas

http://www.livescience.com/25779-christmas-traditions-history-paganism.html

http://www.history.com/topics/christmas/history-of-christmas

http://paganwiccan.about.com/od/yuletraditions/tp/Ten-Christmas-Customs-with-Pagan-Roots.htm

http://www.goodnewsaboutgod.com/studies/holidays2.htm

http://www.christmastreehistory.net/pagan

http://delongfarms.com/tree 1.html

http://www.patheos.com/blogs/panmankey/2013/12/christmas-traditions-pagan-or-christian/