Cretin-Crestin-Christian

Summary

Where did the word “Christian” actually come from — and is it the name Scripture itself used for believers? This short word-study traces an uncomfortable pagan root, and proposes a more accurate alternative.

- “Christian” traced to pagan titles such as “Chrestos Mithras” and the shared root of the English word “cretin.”
- The case that “Christian” is a poor, historically pagan-tinged label for believers.
- The New Covenant’s own term for Yah’shua’s followers: “Natsarim” (Nazarenes), from the Hebrew for “branches” or “watchmen.”

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CHRISTIAN *(Christian)*: the word is Greek, and was derived from a former Pagan usage: CHRESTOS MITHRAS: pure, sacred, good, holy. Roman meaning was interchangeable; e.g., "good Mithras", or "holy Mithras". CHRIST HELIOS: Mandaean. CHREISTOS OSIRIS: Alexandrian.

In relation to the ***Torah***, a Christian might well be considered to be mentally retarded; because the actual word that means "retard" or "idiot" is derived from cretin, which derives from crestin.

The *American Heritage Illustrated Encyclopedic Dictionary* tells us the etymology for the word *CRETIN*: **cre-tin** *(kre-tin, kret'n) n.* **1.** One afflicted with Cretinism. **2.** A fool; an idiot. *[French, cretin, from Swiss French, crestin, later CHRISTIAN, hence human being (an idiot being nonetheless human).]* Cretinism is dwarfism and or retardation. Cretin is simply the word that is derived from the word crestin, later, CHRISTIAN.

The questions we need to be asking ourselves are:

1. "What would the Israelites or a splinter group of Israelites that practice the Torah of Yahweh and follow the Messiah be doing with a Greek term used by Pagans as a label for themselves?"

2. "Are we to search out the adopted Greco-Roman roots, or the natural Hebrew origins of our faith?"

Knowing there is some relationship with the word cretin, what if the people of Antioch, at first, called the disciples CRESTINS *(retards, idiots)*? Don't fall for the excuse, "we speak English, not Hebrew". The word "crestos" *(or kristos, chreistos)* isn't English, it's Greek. If we follow the redemption plan of our Creator, keeping the Torah of Yahweh, we are counted among the citizenship of Israel; not a "Gentile", foreign nation. In fact, we are no longer Gentiles at all *(Eph. 2:11-13)*, although we were at one time strangers to the Covenants. After our spiritual adoption through faith, there is no distinction, and no dividing wall between any of us and a native-born Israelite.

The main idea that people seem to be steered away from when words like "Christian" are examined closely is that the original word *(the Hebrew word, MESSIAH)* is not being brought to the table, but is typically kept from the discussion. The word "Christianity" is not found in the Scriptures at all, so there is no such thing in reality.

Misdirection is used to convince the listener of supposed facts which are not true and by simply saying the lie often enough, it will become familiar, and therefore comfortable. In this particular case, the premise is

that the original word was this Greek word "Christos", since it is emphasized *(by those with an agenda to preserve the error of tradition)* that the disciples of Yah'shua all spoke and wrote in Greek.

We are expected to pay no mind that Greek was and remains a foreign language to the people of Israel. It's a promotion of the Jesuits to believe that the Messiah and His students spoke to one another, and wrote everything down in Greek. The truth is, Greek was a transitional language, or translation, of the original texts originally written in Hebrew *(or the dialect of it; Syraic Aramaic)*.

Remember, all the first "protestants" were Catholics, and they had already been indoctrinated with the Jesuit teachings. What is practically unknown is the fact that there were "Christians" on Earth before Yah'shua the Messiah was born - and they were Pagans.

The Greek word "Christos" (*kristos)* has come to mean anointed, and this supposedly corresponds to the common English transliteration of the title, Messiah, from the original Hebrew. What is not commonly known is that Osiris and Mithras were both called "Chreistos", which meant "GOOD". The word was adopted from gnostic Paganism: The inscription "CHRESTOS" can be seen on a Mithras relief in the Vatican. During the time of Marcion, around 150 CE, Justin Martyr said that "Christians" were "Chrestoi", or "good men". Clement of Alexandria said "all who believe in Christ are called "Chrestoi, that is 'good men'".

Rome was the center of Chrestos Mithras worship, so the adaptation or revisionism to the new faith for this title should hardly be a huge mystery; but this information has been intentionally buried. The word "Christian" is only used 3 times in the received Greek texts; and if it were in fact what the disciples called themselves as a "sect", it would have seemed very foreign not only to them, but to everyone involved. Of course, every Israelite *(and modern orthodox "Jew")* believes in a "Messiah" that is coming at some point. Many of them - in fact most - don't currently believe in the Messiah portrayed by the "Christian" faith in any of its diverse denominations.

However, if we had to adopt a Greek word for these practitioners of "Judaism" that related to them as believers in a coming Messiah, then they too could be labelled "Christians". But, the word "Christian" is a very non-specific label when you consider that it doesn't specify who the Messiah is.

The true sect that followed Yah'shua's teachings did use a term for themselves, and it was "NATSARIM", or more commonly, Nazarene *(Acts 24:5)*. Even the "Church father" Epiphanius wrote of the Natsarim sect, whom he called "heretics", because they observed the Commandments of Yahweh and were indistinguishable from "Hebrews", except that they believed in the then present Messiah.

Greek is a corrupted, polluted language, having many Pagan deities' names and titles associated with it. Since Yahweh has told us that one day He would purify the lips of the peoples to call upon His Name and serve Him shoulder-to-shoulder *(Zeph. 3:9)*, it's unlikely that the word "Christian" will be preserved after

that purification takes place. Acts 24:5 states that the sect was called "Nazarene", derived from its Hebrew root "NATSARIM", or "branches/watchmen", not *[man]*-anointed, or good ones.

It was prophesied that we would be called "NATSARIM". Carefully study the text of Jer. 31:6, where he used the word NATSARIM which is translated "watchmen", who will cry on "Mount Ephraim". Those crying out to go up to Yahweh are called watchmen, from the Hebrew word NATSARIM. The Greek has distorted quite a few things, but to believe that they were called both terms *(Nazarenes and Christians)* would surely be conflicted thinking.

The Natsarim were very specific in their labelling of themselves, since their label referred to the One they were followers of, Yah'shua of Natsarith *(Nazereth).* Chapter 31 is also significant because it prophecies the re-newed Covenant, which is quoted again in chapters 8 & 10 of the book of Hebrews.

All Israelites were, and are, waiting for the "Messiah", the Yahweh-anointed One prophesied in Daniel. So by that logic it would be redundant to refer to themselves as a sect of what they all were, even if the label was translated into another tongue, like Greek. The translators simply wanted to separate themselves as far from the Torah and Israel as possible; and it was done by creating labelling that would permanently separate them, and keep "Gentiles" from ever joining the commonwealth of Israel, or even realizing that it was necessary.

Realize that "Greek" culture was a very powerful influence on the entire civilized world over a long period;"Alexandria" Egypt *(named for Alexander, a famous Greek conqueror)*, became the center or hub of the cultural world. Sophists, orators who refined public speaking to an art, developed the "3-point" speech. They could convince their audiences of things they didn't even believe themselves! Clement and Origen, two "church fathers", promoted their Christian teaching from Alexandria.

Everything taught became watered-down into "allegorical" meanings. In every way, words were used as powerful tools. Platonic philosophy steered their whole culture, and Plato is still quoted in modern seminaries! Mithraists, Neoplatonists, Pythagoreans, Therapists, and Magi were all contemporary cults of the Greeks. From Egypt arose the Hermetic religion of the worship of Osiris.

These religions produced the Pagan "fathers" that influenced modern Christianity *(Cyprian, Augustine, Marcion, Eusebius, Ambrose, Epiphanius, etc.,)* and they quoted from their former Pagan sources virtually constantly, merging what they had been, with what they were becoming - a blended religion, with their beloved Greek culture as the dominant aspect. There already were "Christians" in Egypt, gnostic sun-worshippers who knelt before huge ankhs *(crux ansatas).* The Serapis-Isis cult used this symbol at Alexandria. When the Emperor Hadrian wrote from Alexandria, he said:

"Those who worship Serapis are Christians and those who call themselves bishops of Christ are vowed to Serapis".

Ancient Babylonian [pagan] influences abounded then, and abound now, hidden in plain sight. Alexandria was the primary launching point for the new fusion religion we know as "Christianity" today. The word "Christos" is directly related to Krishna, Crestos, and Chreston. These literally mean "shining", as they refer to the sun. Krishna is the sun deity of the Hindu religion. Even as late as 348 CE, Cyrill said: "Let the heresy be silenced which blasphemes the Messiah, the Son of the Mighty One. Let those be silenced who say that the sun is Messiah, because He is the Creator of the sun, and not the visible sun itself."

They were calling the sun "Christ Helios". The Manichaeans worshipped the sun as it passed through the sky ALL DAY, and Augustine came from them. The ancient Crestos of the Serapian Culte was worshipped as "the good god", so the word "Christ" is actually a polluted and forbidden word when you carefully weigh the texts of Exodus 23:13 & Duet. 12:28-32.

Great darkness results from not properly understanding Yahweh's Word, or departing from it, thinking The Book of the Law no longer has application. The one verse most cling to in defense of the term "Christian" is at Acts 11:26: "And at first in Antioch the taught ones were called Kristianous." *(This is the order of this sentence in the Greek).*

This sentence doesn't claim that the disciples called themselves this, but were called this "at first". Also, as with the English language, the context determines what is meant. If this meant they were mistaken *(at first)* for the Pagan believers in Serapis, that's one thing; or this could have been simply the Greek translation distorting the original Hebrew word, Messiah.

Or, what if this Greek word was not a label, and simply meant "good men"? Knowing there is some relationship with the word cretin, what if the people of Antioch, at first, called the disciples CRETINS, meaning literally, idiots or retards? Why is the Greek label so important that they had to make this single verse in its translation an all-encompassing issue? Again, what would a bunch of Israelites that practice the Torah of Yahweh and follow the Messiah, be doing with a Greek term used by Pagans as a label for themselves? A name for a person or thing is a special designation, not a general reference. Is the Name of the Creator Greek?

If the Creator has a religion *(way)*, does He refer to it by a Greek term? Would the Messiah of Adam, Noach, Mosheh, Daniel, and Eli Yahu have a Greek Name or a Greek Title? If we have inherited error, and we obviously have, then we all need to know about it, and not defend it.

So what great harm is there in abandoning the Greek title "Christos", and using the same Hebrew word Daniel wrote: Messiah? The word "MESSIAH" is transliterated TWICE in the received Greek writings, at Jn. 1:41 and Jn. 4:25 *(it's used twice in Daniel, at 9:25,26).*

Even the new age cult is awaiting their "Christ"; so why not give them their word back - maybe they'll stop laughing at believers behind their backs for having adopted so much of their philosophy. Give them their

"Sun-day" too. Let's return to the Covenant! The Gentiles from the ends of the Earth will one day acknowledge that their forefathers have inherited nothing but lies.

"Krishna or Chris-na and Christos come from the same root. Kris in Sanskrit means the pure or the sacred, 'the first emanation of the invisible Godhead, manifesting itself tangibly in spirit' *(Isis Unveiled, II, 158)*, it is the Spiritual Ego *(Buddhi-Manas)*. 'The Spiritual, Immortal, Higher Ego in every man is an emanation, like a ray, from the Central Spiritual Sun *(Paramatman),* of which the visible Sun is the direct manifestation on our physical plane and its visible symbol.'"

The conclusion drawn from this study confirms once again that the faith was "solarized", and our customs and words are rising up to prove it. The prophet YermeYahu *(Jer.)* told us:

"O Yahweh, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the Earth, and shall say, '**Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit'**.

Shall a man make elohim unto himself, and they are no elohim? Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know Mine hand and My might; and they shall know that My Name is Yahweh." Jer 16:19-21

Directly related to this issue of "terms" once used by Pagans, and taking the point-of-view of our Creator Yahweh, we have to consider what He has already spoken on this issue. Remember, even the "terminology" used by Pagans are their "ways" or methods. Here are 3 Scriptures of many that could have relevance:

Exodus / Shemoth 20:2,3: "I am Yahweh your Elohim, Who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, out of the house of slavery. You have no other mighty ones against My Face."

Exodus / Shemoth 23:13: "And in all that I have said to you take heed. And make no mention of the name of other mighty ones, let it not be heard from your mouth."

Deut. / Debarim 12:28-32: "Guard, and obey all these words which I command you, that it might be well with you and your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the eyes of Yahweh your Elohim. When Yahweh your Elohim does cut off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, guard yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire about their mighty ones, saying 'How did these nations serve their mighty ones? And let me do so too.' Do not do so to Yahweh your Elohim, for every abomination which Yahweh hates they have done to their mighty ones, for they even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their mighty ones. All the words I am commanding you, guard to do it - do not add to it nor take away from it."

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