

In this cave the group of Roman Priests would do sacrifices; a goat, for fertility and a dog for purification. The goat's skin was cut into strip-like pieces, they would then dip these slices of skin into sacrificial blood. After that process had taken place, men would run through the streets and into homes gently slapping the bloody skin on women and crops. However, the women were not frightened of becoming slapped with bloody goat skin, they greeted the men. It was a well known superstition that the women and crops that were slapped would be more fertile within the next year.



The children were involved in this feast as well. In honor of the female pagan deity, Juno Februata, (Pictured, left) the young girls would write their names on a piece of paper. All the names would be placed into a large box or urn. The names would be drawn from this box or urn and the boys and girls would be paired up for the whole year, gifts would be exchanged. Most of the time these paired children would end up marrying each other. This Feast of Lupercalia was so popular that it was celebrated even long after Rome had its problem with wolves.



After years of this feast Emperor Claudius II came to conclusion that single men made better soldiers without wives and families. He banned marriages for young men. A priest named St. Valentine disagreed with this action, and began marrying young men and women in secret. St. Valentine thought there was nothing wrong with the pagan practices of the Feast of Lupercalia; sacrifices to pagan deities (Lupercus, Juno, Hera and



Pan), worshipping false deities, and superstition. Well he's no Christian then is he? Truly if he was he would have thought there was nothing wrong with banning this pagan practice.



St. Valentine was caught and thrown into prison for his secret practice. No one knows exactly what happened to him after that. Then in 498 A.D. February 14th, Pope Gelasius official ended this feast, saying it was unchristian, he outlawed it all together.



### The Christianized Story

As the same with every Christian holiday today; Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick's Day, ect, pagan feasts dedicated to pagan deities have been abominably Christianized to satisfy the people. The Roman Catholic Priests gathered together and renamed this feast of Lupercalia to St. Valentine's Day. They changed this Valentine character into a Christian, saying he healed the blind, cured the sick, helped Christians flee from Roman punishment, and was thrown into prison for doing so. The Priests also managed to change the practice dedicated to Februata Juno (picking girls' names from an urn) into picking Saint's names from a box. Which ever Saint was picked from the box that child had to emulate that Saint's life. This practice is still being done today in Catholic Schools called conformation.

Cupid, that fat little baby shooting people with arrows isn't innocent. Cupid (Latin Cupido) is the false deity of erotic/pornographic love. Cupid has many names; Eros, Amos, and



Kama. There are mythological sides to the figure cupid; the son of Jupiter (Zeus) and Venus, a lively boy who delights in pranks, mischief and spreading love, the other side son of Nyx and Erebus, which is known for riotous debauchery (sex and drugs).

### In Conclusion

"Does Yahuwah approve of this?" Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 10:2 "Thus Said Yahuwah, "Do not learn the ways of the heathens" (*gentiles/pagans*)

Not only does Yahuwah want us to **NOT** learn these ways He doesn't want us to practice them. Sacrifices to pagan deities, using the blood to make the women fertile, (only Yahuwah can make a women fertile, not a goat or dog's blood), honoring Juno. It's not appropriate or celebrating it in the sake of **Love**. We should show our love towards others everyday. Why wait a whole year to show your love in some pagan ritual?

Now that you know the truth to this pagan man-made holiday, will you continue to celebrate it? Or will you renounce it and tell your friends the evil of it? The choice is yours, and yours alone; not your mom or dad, your brother or your sister, no, it's not your grandpa or your grandma's choice either. **Romans 14:12, "Each one of us, therefore, shall give account of himself to Yahuwah."** You, now knowing the truth must make a decision, keep quiet and be held accountable for not sharing the truth; or tell everyone you know the truth of St. Valentine's Day. What will you do?

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## ~St. Patrick's Day~

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March 17<sup>th</sup> is the day when supposedly a man named St. Patrick died. Every year, various

Christian denominations and non-Christians celebrate the anniversary of his death. Do we really know who St. Patrick was? Have you ever wondered why he is so popular? Why is this holiday filled with Shamrocks, Leprechauns and Good Luck? Come with us, as we search for the answers to these questions and the origin of Saint Patrick.

Maewyn Succat was born around 385-390 AD during the Roman



occupation of Britain. His Dad was a very wealthy magistrate. When he was a young man, he was sold into slavery. He managed to escape, fleeing to France. He then became a priest taking on the Romanticized name, Patrick. Pope Celestine I ordained him a Bishop. Meawyn believed his calling was to convert Irish pagans. Therefore, off to Ireland he went, seeking to convert as many pagans as he could, during





his thirty-year journey.

How was one man going able to change a very **pagan polytheism** country, [such as Ireland], into accepting the Christian faith?

He used one of the oldest tricks in the book. **Compromise!** He adopted many of the traditional Irish rituals and just blended them all together. Yes, a **'religious malt.'** This is nothing new. Turn with us to the great book of Exodus 32:5, **"And Aaron saw and built an altar before it. And Aaron called out and said, "Tomorrow is a festival to Yahuwah."**

Coming out of 400 years of slavery, the children of Yisra'el played the **adoption** game. They thought, like so many today think, it's fine to adopted **pagan rituals**; adding them to the true worship Yahuwah seeks. On the contrary, to what one many think, He despises it! We later learn that not only was that **feast unacceptable**, but many died that day (Exodus 32:4-6). Today, many worship this dead man known as Saint Patrick by partying. While some are indeed Irish, many more masquerade on this holiday by dressing up in green wanting to be Irish.



## Shamrocks

Although Yahuwah created the sham-rocks, the symbol of the three-leaf clover has deep pagan roots. For instance, according to the **Celts** each leaf represents **Crone, Mother and Virgin**. To others, it represents Faith, Hope and Charity. St. Patrick used it to represent the **pagan trinity** (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). Others believe shamrocks have **magical powers** connected with them.



## Leprechauns

According to Irish mythology (side note: mythology may contain myths but to those who practice it, this is their religion) Leprechaun's are like male fairies. These little old men are said to be shoemakers and extremely rich. They believe if one were to catch a leprechaun then it would have to tell them where their hidden treasure/gold is. They are very **mischievous** and like to play tricks on humans. What is interesting is that Pookie (from Halloween) and Cupid (Valentine's Day) are also **mischievous spirits**.



## Luck

**Fortuna**, is the false deity of **Luck**. She is equivalent to the Roman female deity **Tyche**. There are many different types of this Fortuna. For instance; **Fortuna Annonaria** brought the luck of the harvest, **Fortuna Primigenia** directed the fortune of a firstborn child at the moment of birth, **Fortuna Virgo** luck of the virgin, and **Fortuna Publica** luck of the people. The list goes on with a total of 18 different Fortuna deities.

According to many, **luck** can be abstain by doing certain rituals. These rituals involve prayer, spells and sacrifice.

**Luck** is equivalent to **Fortune** and can be traced back to the Syrian or Canaanite deity of **Gad**.

Isaiah 65:11, "But ye that forsake Yahuwah, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for **Fortune**, and that fill up mingled wine unto **Destiny**." (ASV)

"But you are those who forsake Yahuwah, who forget My set-apart mountain, who prepare a table for **Gad**, and who fill a drink offering for **Meni**." (ISR) Clearly, everything about St. Patrick's Day is contrary to the written word of Yahuwah.



## The History of St. Valentine's Day

By F. Martin

February 14th, a day when all stop what they are doing, and show their love towards others. A romantic day filled with cards, roses, candy, cupids and kisses. So many people celebrate this loving holiday without the knowledge of its history. Who is that fat angelical baby shooting people with arrows? Who is St. Valentine and why do we celebrate a holiday dedicated to him? Lets take a trip back in time to find the answers.

### The True Story...

It all started in Rome, with a Fertility Festival called Lupercalia, named after a pagan deity, Lupercus. This Festival (or feast) was celebrated on February 14th-15th. At that time, Rome had an enormous population of wolves. Lupercus was known to guard the shepherds and their flocks. So the Romans dedicated a feast to Lupercus, called Lupercalia.

In the beginning of each Festival of Lupercalia a group of Roman Priests called Luperci would gather in a cave, where supposedly Romulus and Remus (the founders of Rome) were born and cared for by a **'she-wolf'** (also known as a lupa).