

A lot of people compare Amen-Ra the Egyptian sun god to Jesus the Son of God because they say that the Bible refers to God and more specifically to Jesus as the sun a lot? And they even go so far as to say that the word "amen" derives from name of Amen-Ra the sun god? I personally don't believe any of this but I would like to explain the passages more to these people to clear up the confusion. I put a link down below with their stated beliefs and they point out the scriptures to their point.

<http://www.hiddenmeanings.com/Sermon22jesussungod.htm>

Many are confused about the identity of Jesus. Roman Catholics attempted to merge the bible with Mithraism.

Hope of Israel Ministries wrote:

Due to the efficient and extensive Roman road system, their quasi-Persian religion -- called Mithraism -- was spread over vast distances from Rome. During the time of the Emperor Constantine the newly arriving Nazarene faith was fused together with Mithraism to form one universal or Catholic religion. The ancient Nimrod-oriented customs of Mithraism were readily adapted because they were already socially-accepted, and soon YEHOVAH's truth was merged into a smoke-screen of pagan customs that have come down to us today under the guise of the Roman Catholic Church.

Understanding Emperor Constantine, Mithraism and the fertile Pagan background environment of the Roman Catholic Church will help explain many beliefs and practices seen today. Mithraism is about the worship of the sun -- which was titled Mithras Solis Invictus (Mithras, the unconquered sun).¹

Jesus said: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves (Mt 23:15)." The false teaching of Romanism has made a significant impact around the world.

Thankfully, the word of God cuts through false teaching (2 Pe 2:1). The bible says that Jesus is God's preeminent Son (Col 1:13-18). He is the image of God (2 Cor. 4:4). In Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Col. 2:9). Jesus is the express image of God's person (Heb. 1:3). He is the firstborn over all creation (Col. 1:15). He is sovereign as King of kings and Lord of lords and he has priority over all created beings (Rev. 1:5). Jesus created all things that are in heaven and on earth, things visible and invisible, thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers (Col. 1:16). He is before all things (Col. 1:17), the Creator of all things (Is. 40:28, Jn 1:1-3) and the Sustainer of all things (Heb. 1:3).

Jesus was not a mythical sun god. His coming was predicted (Is. 7:14) and fulfilled (Matt. 1:18-25) in the fullness of time (Gal. 4:4). His humanity was foretold (Gen. 3:15; 1 Cor. 15:45-47). God, the second Person of the trinity, took on man's nature (John 1:14; Heb. 2:9-18).

When the Psalmist wrote: For the Lord God is a sun and shield (Ps 84:11), he did not mean that He is literally a sun. He was referring to God's provision and protection.

¹ Mithraism and the Catholic Church: Hope of Israel Ministries, Temple City, CA, www.hope-of-israel.org:
<http://www.hope-of-israel.org/mithraism.html>

When the apostle Paul recounted his conversion after meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus, he certainly was not calling Jesus *a* star (Ac 26:12–14).

Jesus' favorite title for himself was *Son of Man*. In Revelation 1:13b when John describes His "long robe with a golden band across [his] chest", he is not calling him a celestial object.

When John describes the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21:9–27, he is not calling the Lord a mythical star.

False teachers, taking scripture out of context, have made the above claims.

The Amen

Amen means *verily* or *so be it*.

John Mac Arthur wrote:

...[T]he word "amen" is often used in Scripture as a word to affirm the veracity of a statement. Sometimes it is used before a statement and when it is it is usually translated "verily, verily," or "truly, truly," but in the Greek language, for example, it is "amen, amen." You often see before some very significant statement "amen, amen." And there it is to affirm the truthfulness of what is to be said.

Sometimes you see it at the very end. And at the end it is to seal the certainty of what has been said. Amen means firm, fixed, certain, faithful, unchangeable. Those are all words that surround the meaning of amen.

Now how is Christ here the amen? Well we could say that He is the amen in the sense that He is God. If God is the Old Testament amen, certainly Jesus Christ being God in human flesh is the New Testament amen. But there's more to it than just the reference to deity. He could have chosen a number of things to refer to Himself as God, but choosing the amen takes it a step further. He is the amen because He is true, He is the amen because He is certain.

But more...that, more specifically even...that general affirmation, Scripture tells us in 2 Corinthians 1:20 a very important truth. It says, "For all the promises of God in Him are amen".... What does that mean? That means that all God's promises and all God's covenants are guaranteed and affirmed by the person and work of Jesus Christ.²

Christians say amen to one another to express agreement in the faith.

Mythology vs. Christianity

Christianity did not steal stories from earlier mythology. The historical evidence is clear: the Jesus of the bible is the Jesus of history. History is *His* story.

Zeitgeist Movie

The *Zeitgeist Movie* claimed that the resurrection account was stolen from earlier sources.

² MacArthur, John. Laodicea: The Lukewarm Church, Part 1 Revelation 3:14-18 March 8, 1992 66-14: <http://www.gty.org/resources/sermons/66-14/laodicea--the-lukewarm-church-part-1>

Dr. Norman Geisler wrote:

“The first real parallel of a dying and rising god does not appear until A.D. 150, more than a hundred years after the origin of Christianity. So if there was any influence of one on the other, it was the influence of the historical event of the New Testament [resurrection] on mythology, not the reverse. The only known account of a god surviving death that predates Christianity is the Egyptian cult god Osiris. In this myth, Osiris is cut into fourteen pieces, scattered around Egypt, then reassembled and brought back to life by the goddess Isis. However, Osiris does not actually come back to physical life but becomes a member of a shadowy underworld...This is far different than Jesus’ resurrection account where he was the gloriously risen Prince of life who was seen by others on earth before his ascension into heaven....even if there are myths about dying and rising gods prior to Christianity, that doesn't mean the New Testaments writers copied from them. The fictional TV show Star Trek preceded the U.S. Space Shuttle program, but that doesn’t mean that newspaper reports of space shuttle missions are influenced by Star Trek episodes!” (*I Don't Have Enough Faith to be An Atheist*, 2004, p. 312).

The Zeitgeist Movie claimed Horus was the “Sun god of Egypt,” Born of a virgin on December 25; he was resurrected, etc.

Regarding this Dr. Ben Witherington said:

“Unfortunately it [Zeitgeist] gets most of the story of Horus wrong. He claims the Horus myth says he was born on Dec. 25th, born of a virgin, star in the east, worshipped by kings, and was a teacher by 12. This he claims was the original form of the myth in 3000 B.C. It would be nice to know how Mr. Joseph learned this, since we don’t have any ancient Egyptian texts that go back that far on this matter. Furthermore this disinformation he gives in the film is refuted by numerous analysis of the proper sources....again not only is Mr. Joseph guilty of falsely blending together various different religions which developed largely regionally and independently of each other, he is actually guilty of falsifying some of the claims made in the Egyptian myths...Ironically he does a disservice to all the religions he discusses....I could go on about the egregious errors in his presentation of Horus, who was not called the lamb of God, and was not crucified and resurrected, even in the myth. The story of Horus is of course the story of the rebirth of the sun in east, and it is based on the cycles of nature, not on any sort of historical claims at all, unlike the story of Jesus. But more to the point the story of Horus does not include many of the elements that Joseph claims it does—shame on him for not doing his homework properly even on Egyptology.” (“The Zeitgeist of the 'Zeitgeist Movie'”).³

God’s enemies have always attempted to twist (2 Pet. 3:16) and invalidate (Mark 7:9–13) the scriptures. Their actions were predicted long ago (2 Tim. 4:3, 4). Christians can trust that the bible is true (Ps. 119:142, 151, 160).

³ Analysis and Response to Zeitgeist Video APR, 30 Nov 16: <http://alwaysbeready.com/zeitgeist-the-movie>