

## December 25<sup>th</sup> On Trial Bibliography and Source Material

3:28-John Chrysostom says that the pagans of his time called December 25<sup>th</sup> the “Birthday of the Sun” god.-

- Discovered by Dom Andre Wilmart, O.S.B. of St. Michael’s Farnborough in 1916 in the municipal library at Troyes, direct translation by Isabella Image
- <https://www.roger-pearse.com/weblog/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/De-Solstitiis-et-Aequinoctiis-Image-2022.pdf>

9:40-Roman Calendar of 354 that states December 25<sup>th</sup> was the birthday of Roman sun god (Sol Invictus)

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chronograph\\_of\\_354](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chronograph_of_354)
- <https://godmadeus.com/Holiday/Christmas/ch2.php>

11:00-Pliny the Elder states that December 25<sup>th</sup> was the winter solstice-

- Natural History 18.221
- [http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/L/Roman/Texts/Pliny\\_the\\_Elder/18\\*.html#220](http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/L/Roman/Texts/Pliny_the_Elder/18*.html#220)

11:35-Pultarch states in 65 A.D. that the Egyptian goddess Isis gave birth to Harpocrates, the sun god of Egypt, on the winter solstice.

- Plutarch, *On Isis and Osiris*, 65)
- [https://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/Texts/Plutarch/Moralia/Isis\\_and\\_Osiris\\*/D.html#note346](https://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/Texts/Plutarch/Moralia/Isis_and_Osiris*/D.html#note346)

12:39-Bishop Epiphanius states that at the shrine of Core, the pagans worshipped the god Aeon on the winter solstice and also states that the Romans, Egyptians, and Alexandrians also had celebrations to their gods on the same day.

- The Panarion of Epiphanius of Salamis, Books II & III. De Fide 51.22.3 (5)
- [https://ia801202.us.archive.org/21/items/EpiphaniusPanarionBksIIIII/Epiphanius%20-%20Panarion\\_%20-%20Bks%20II%20%26%20III%20-%20I.pdf](https://ia801202.us.archive.org/21/items/EpiphaniusPanarionBksIIIII/Epiphanius%20-%20Panarion_%20-%20Bks%20II%20%26%20III%20-%20I.pdf)

14:28- Aztec god Huitzilopochtli was born on the winter solstice-

- <https://www.curanderismo.org/post/the-birth-of-huitzilopochtli-in-honor-of-the-winter-solstice>
- [https://davidbowles.medium.com/winter-solstice-and-huitzilopochtli-b06dbccc26eb#:~:text=For%20the%20Nahuas%20\(%E2%80%9CAztecs%E2%80%9D,a%20time%20of%20great%20celebration.](https://davidbowles.medium.com/winter-solstice-and-huitzilopochtli-b06dbccc26eb#:~:text=For%20the%20Nahuas%20(%E2%80%9CAztecs%E2%80%9D,a%20time%20of%20great%20celebration.)
- <https://www.inasca.org/news/birth-of-huitzilopochtli-winter-solstice-ceremony>

14:46- Japanese sun goddess Amaterasu is coaxed out of a cave on the winter solstice and is said to be reborn.

- <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Amaterasu>
- <https://www.nippon.com/en/japan-topics/g00748/amaterasu-the-japanese-sun-goddess.html>

15:23-Modern day Wiccans celebrate Yule Day on the winter solstice-

- <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Yule-festival>
- <https://time.com/5060889/winter-solstice-rituals/>

15:35-Ancient Vikings called Yule Day, Odin's Day.

- <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/yule-day-of-winter-solstice/>
- <https://sonsofvikings.com/blogs/history/viking-origins-of-christmas-yule-traditions>
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yule>

16:05- Church of Satan states that Christmas does not belong to the Christians and that Christians stole this holiday from the pagans.

- <https://www.churchofsatan.com/faq-holidays/>

17:35- Emperor Julian states that Rome celebrated the birthday of the sun god Helios at the end of December.

- <https://www.roger-pearse.com/weblog/2009/12/26/christmas-day-on-the-winter-solstice/>
- [https://www.tertullian.org/fathers/julian\\_apostate\\_1\\_sun.htm](https://www.tertullian.org/fathers/julian_apostate_1_sun.htm)

18:18- The Catholic Encyclopedia says that Helios Mithras is one god and that Sunday was his day of worship and December 25<sup>th</sup> was celebrated as his birthday.

- (Arendzen J. Mithraism. The Catholic Encyclopedia, Volume X. *Nihil Obstat*, October 1, 1911. Remy Lafort, S.T.D., Censor. Imprimatur. +John Cardinal Farley, Archbishop of New York. New York: Robert Appleton Company, 1911).

20:20- Tertullian (145-220 AD) rebukes early Christians for celebrating the pagan winter feast days. Tertullian (145-220)-Of Idolatry-Translated by S. Thelwall, Chapter 14

- <http://www.logoslibrary.org/tertullian/idolatry/14.html>

22:03- Bishop Martin of Braga (575 AD) rebukes his congregation for celebrating the winter celebrations of the pagans.

- Acta Conciliarum V.iii.399, quoted in Tille (1899), p. 103 n.2)
- Prudence Jones, Nigel Pennick, *The History of Pagan Europe* (London: Routledge, 1995), p. 76

23:21- Syriac Bishop Jacob Bar-Salibi says that the heathens celebrated December 25<sup>th</sup> as the birthday of the sun god and that Christians were celebrating it, which forced the Catholic Church to adopt the holiday as their own.

- <http://abmcg.blogspot.com/2011/01/syrus-code-deciphering-origins-of.html>

25:35- Historian Clement Miles states that December 25<sup>th</sup> was just one of a myriad of dates that early chronographers came up with and that there were dates chosen in every month of the year.

- Parry, Nathaniel, *How Christmas Became Christmas* (McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers. Kindle Edition, 1976) p. 32

26:28- Hippolytus of Rome is quoted as saying that Christ was born on December 25<sup>th</sup> but this quote is said to not be authentic by Catholic scholars themselves.

- <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/03724b.htm>

28:00- Julius Sextus Africanus is said to have stated that Jesus was born on December 25<sup>th</sup> but a closer look reveals that he said no such thing.

- <http://www.clerus.org/clerus/dati/2001-02/08-999999/01.html>
- <https://www.tertullian.org/fathers2/ANF-06/anf06-49.htm>

31:33- Catholic Church uses pagan solar deity halos (nimbus) behind the heads of Catholic Saints and in Christian art.

- <https://www.britannica.com/art/halo-art>

31:40- Pagan statues in the Vatican

- <https://www.webphoto.ro/italia/the-pagan-gods-among-the-most-revered-statues-in-vatican-museum.html>

31:50- Pope Francis displays a pagan idol in the Vatican and says that he had no “idolatrous intentions.”

- <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/oct/31/the-guardian-view-on-pagan-idols-in-the-vatican-church-culture-wars-should-concern-us-all>

