

Jesus Christ v. Santa Claus

“For thou hast said in thine heart...I will be like the most High.” Isaiah 14:13-14

Jesus Christ...		Santa Clause...
Has white hair like wool.	Rev. 1:14 Dan. 7:9	Has white hair like wool
Has a beard.	Isa. 50:6 Rev. 1:14	Has a beard
Has eyes like flames of fire.	Rev. 1:14 2:18	Has a twinkle in his eye – “His eyes- how they twinkled!” (from <i>A Visit From St. Nicholas</i> , Clement C. Moore)
Wears vesture dipped in blood	Rev. 19:13 Isa. 63:1-2	Wears red vesture
Wore a crown of thorns	Mk. 15:17	Wore a crown of holly. (“Originating in England, Father Christmas was depicted as a friendly fellow wearing a crown of holly...” ¹)
Has feet as if they burned in a furnace	Rev. 1:15	Has feet that burn in a chimney!
Comes from the north.	Isa. 14:13, 41:25 Ps. 48:2	Comes from the North Pole
Occupation was a carpenter	Mark 6:3	Occupation is a toy carpenter.
Sits on a throne.	Ps. 45:6 Mt. 19:28, 25:31 Heb. 1:8 Rev. 5:1	Sits on a throne.
Rideth upon the heaven	Deut. 33:26	Rides in sleigh in sky
Says, “Ho...” three times	Ruth 4:1 Isa. 55:1 Zec. 2:6	Says, “Ho, ho, ho!”
Tells His children to come boldly to His throne of grace that we may find help, obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.	Heb. 4:16 Mt. 7:7	Bids children to come to approach his throne and ask for what they want.
Bids children to come unto Him.	Mt. 19:14 Mk. 10:14-16 Lk. 18:16	Bids children to come unto Him.
Tells children to obey parents.	Eph. 6:1 Pr. 6:20 Col. 3:20 Ex. 20:12	Tells children to obey parents.
Is Omniscient (all-seeing, all-knowing). His eyes are in every place beholding the evil and the good.	Ps. 139:1-8 Heb. 4:13 1 Jn. 3:20 Pr. 15:3 Mal. 3:18	Is Omniscient - knows if you’ve been naughty or nice all year.
Is Omnipotent (all-powerful, all-ruling)	Mt. 28:18 Rev. 19:6	Is Omnipotent – can carry and deliver all the toys of the world in one night, defy gravity, etc.
Is Omnipresent (everywhere)	Ps. 139:7-10	Is Omnipresent – sees when

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at one time)	Eph. 4:6 Mt. 18:20 Pr. 15:3	you are sleeping and when you are awake; Is in every shopping mall.
Is ageless, eternal	Ps. 102:24 Heb. 13:8 Rev. 1:8, 21:6	Is ageless, eternal
Judges out of books where deeds are recorded	Mal. 3:16 Rev. 20:12, 21:27 2 Cor. 5:10	Judges out of books where deeds are recorded (He's making a list and checking it twice)
Commands Day of Atonement once yearly.	Lev. 23:26-32	Gives rewards once yearly – Christmas
Confess sins to Jesus	1 Jn. 2:1 1 Tim. 2:5 Ezra 10:11	Confess wrongs to Santa
Hour of His coming a mystery.	Lk. 12:40 Mk. 13:33-37 Mt. 24:36	Hour of his coming a mystery.
Comes as a thief in the night.	1 Thes. 5:2	Comes as a thief in the night. (Even gains entrance to homes as a thief!)
We anticipate His glorious appearing.	Titus 2:13 Rev. 22:20	Some anticipate his glorious appearing. (You better watch out, Santa Claus is coming to town!)
Can come in though the doors are shut.	Jn. 20:19, 26	Can come in though the doors are shut (and even if there is no chimney!)
Giver of Gifts	Lk. 11:13 Eph. 4:8 Jam. 1:17	Giver of gifts
Gives rewards according to works.	Rev. 2:23	Gives rewards according to works.
Must believe on Him to receive.	Jn. 3:16 Rom. 4:24 Rom. 10:9	Must believe in him to receive.
Served by millions of angels	Mt. 4:11; 16:27	Served by elves (or demon angels)
Says there is none good.	Ps. 14:1,3; 53:1,3 Rom. 3:12	Commands to be good (for goodness sake!)
Heavenly Father	Mt. 5:16, 6:14, 18:35	Father Christmas
Sees in secret, rewards in open.	Mt. 6:4,18	Sees in secret, rewards in open.
Christ Child	Lk. 2	Kris Kringle (German for "Christ Child")
Takes eyes from man to Jesus.	Heb. 12:2 2 Cor. 4:18 Ps. 141:8	Takes eyes from Jesus to man.
Is the truth.	Jn. 14:6	Is a lie. (See 1 Tim. 1:4, 4:7; 2 Tim. 4:4; Ps. 63:11, 101:7; John 8:44)

For me, the bottom line is that Santa is not real. He is a lie. Therefore, he could not be of God, nor is he condoned by God to teach to my children. On the contrary, the Scripture says,
 "...the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped" (Ps. 63:11b);
 "He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight" (Ps. 101:7);
 "A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape" (Pr. 19:5).

And,

“And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Tim. 4:4);

“Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.” (1 Tim. 1:4);

“But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.” (1 Tim. 4:7).

Satan seeks to counterfeit everything about the Lord and tries to steal His glory. The verse that says,

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is proof of that. We would be fools to think otherwise. The Lord speaks of Satan in John 8:44,

“He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

We can conclude then, if Santa is a lie, he originated with Satan. As a child of the true and living King, my Father, I want nothing to do with Satan or his lies, and therefore I want nothing to do with Santa Claus nor do I want his ‘presence’ in my home. Instead, I want to glorify God and Him alone (see Isaiah 43:7). I will leave you with one final thought,

“I am the LORD: that is my name: and **my glory will I not give to another**, neither my praise to graven images” (Isaiah 42:8)