

Social Media Bullying: Is “Christ” a pagan word?



While finding old articles to transfer from social media to my blog, I happened upon this one from two years ago. I am finally starting to really get feeling better and was able to read an actual scholarly article this

morning without any confusion, so this is great progress and I have a lot of hope that I will soon be operating at pre-stroke mental capabilities soon! God is so good!

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We need to stop being afraid of words and we need to stop being intimidated by those who label everything as pagan but without anything but wild stories backing it up – there are people out there who want to outlaw just about every word that has been associated with Christianity, sometimes making up preposterous stories about pagan origins – I covered “Amen” in my blog a couple of weeks back – how about “Christ.” I was looking at the Septuagint earlier in the week and found this in Habakkuk.

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Habakkuk 3:13 in the Septuagint – referring to the Messiah as the ‘anointed’ – the word is christos. The Septuagint (translation began during 3rd century BCE and was completed roughly 132 BCE) was translated by a group of 70 (or 72) great Torah scholars who were fluent in Greek, and is an incredibly useful tool for the understanding of what words meant in context at the time. Many quotes from of the Tanack (OT) by the NT authors were actually taken from the Septuagint

version, which is why they do not match up perfectly with the Hebrew. Evidently, the scholars saw no problem with using the word christos in Messianic verses so it cannot possibly be an inherently 'pagan' word. Just ask any Jewish friend of yours and they will readily admit that getting 70 Jewish scholars to agree on something is a miracle!

ἐξῆλθες εἰς σωτηρίαν λαοῦ σου τοῦ σῶσαι τοὺς ****χριστούς**** σου
ἔβαλες εἰς κεφαλὰς ἀνόμων θάνατον ἐξήγειρας δεσμοὺς ἕως
τραχήλου διάψαλμα

Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine ****Christos (anointed);**** thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah.

Psalms of Solomon 17:32 (Jewish Wisdom Literature – first or second century BCE)

καὶ αὐτὸς βασιλεὺς δίκαιος διδασκὸς ὑπὸ θεοῦ ἐπ' αὐτοὺς καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ἀδικία ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις αὐτοῦ ἐν μέσῳ αὐτῶν ὅτι πάντες ἅγιοι καὶ βασιλεὺς αὐτῶν ****χριστὸς**** κυρίου

And he will be a righteous king over them, taught of God. And there shall be no unrighteousness in his days in their midst, for all shall be holy and their king the Lord ****Christos (Messiah).****

Apart from the word woundedst, which is an offensive attack on the English language, there is nothing terrible going on here. Christos is obviously a completely legitimate non-pagan word.

Demonizing words is a form of online terrorism, guys. Let it go. We have to stop policing each other and looking for things to hate, because it compromises our integrity.