Roman Catholic Symbols of Satan

My Church recently purchased and relocated to a Roman Catholic Church. I wrote the following document to enlighten our leaders and members:

Because we have purchased a building from the Roman Catholic Church, it is extremely important that we understand exactly what we have come into possession of. The Roman Catholic Church is, at its roots, a satanic cult. Their doctrine and symbols that they use are heretical and created to not only hide the truth about Jesus Christ but also to glorify Satan in a secretive (gnostic) fashion using symbols and rituals that can be traced back to the ancient mystery religions of Egypt, Babylon, Samaria, and Chaldea.

Because this is going to be our place of worship, it is imperative that everyone understand these things so that we can rid our church of blasphemous and questionable symbols and structures.

I could write many pages on each of these topics due to their extensive history and complexity but I am only going to go through, at a very high level, in order to try to explain the history and meaning of the symbols and doctrines involved.

Remember what Jesus said:

[Matthew 10:16] Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Topics to be covered:

- 1) <u>Satan & Demons:</u> Overview to show biblically that both Satan and demons are real and they have great power right now.
- 2) <u>Magic, Sorcery & Witchcraft:</u> Overview to show biblically that magic is real and it can be used against people or to perform strange things.
- 3) <u>Religious (Satanic) Cults:</u> Overview to show biblically that religious cults are rooted in Satanic doctrines that hide and pervert the grace and love of Jesus Christ.
- 4) <u>Symbols & Likenesses:</u> Overview to show biblically that God does not want us to use symbols and likenesses in our worship and that the origins of all Christian symbols goes back to the ancient "mystery religions" of Egypt, Babylon, Samaria, and Chaldea.

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Satan & Demons

The first thing that must be made clear is that right now, Satan has been given kingship over the world. We don't know why Satan is the ruler of the world or when he was given this authority, but it is a fact and it must be taken very seriously. Of course Satan is a created being and God has full authority over him and everything else; however, God has given the world over to Satan for the present time. Here are a few of many verses that support this.

Jesus Stated: [John 14:30] I will no longer talk much with you, for <u>the ruler of</u> <u>this world</u> is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

Paul tells us:

[2 Corinthians 4:3-4] But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds <u>the god of this age</u> has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

[Ephesians 2:1-2] And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according <u>to the prince of the power of the</u> <u>air</u>, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

Notice how Paul points out that Satan works in the children of disobedience...This is one of the interfaces between the spirit world and the flesh world. The further people are from God, the more control Satan is able to exact over them to accomplish his purposes.

Peter Reminds us:

[1 Peter 5:8] Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Paul also tells us:

[Ephesians 6:12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Satan and the fallen angels/demons that support him are real and they are far superior to human beings in many ways. They are not just boogiemen hiding in the shadows, they are extremely intelligent and powerful beings that want us dead. Satan is a murderer and a liar.

Satan doesn't just lie outright, he takes the truth and twists it into a very confusing and subtle lie...The entire world is layer upon layer of very complex twisted lies.

Jesus Said:

[John 8:44] You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Jesus spent a huge amount of time during His ministry casting out demons. I believe He was trying to show us how prevalent demonic possessions and influences are and how much danger people are in if they do not follow God.

When magic is used, there are specific "spells" that can conjure up demons. These spells include the use of special secret (gnostic) symbols. We need to make sure that our church does not contain any of these symbols.

Magic, Sorcery & Witchcraft

It is difficult for "cultured" people living in the 21st century to accept the fact that magic is real. Part of Satan's agenda is to make people think that magic is false and foolishness and that it is only fake tricks used for entertainment or just the stuff of movies. The bible makes it very clear many times in both the old and new testament that all different types of magic are real. If we go all the way back to Moses and the Egyptians, you can recall that Pharaoh's magicians were able to perform the first 3 miracles (turning a stick into a snake, turning water into blood, and conjuring masses of frogs from the Nile river) that God allowed Moses and Aaron to perform.

[Exodus 7:10-12] So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the LORD commanded. And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent. But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

Here it tells us that the wise men and sorcerers (magicians) were able to turn sticks into snakes by using enchantments. This is no joke...Satan has been given great powers by God and if people are evil enough to learn the proper rituals to perform, Satan will allow these powers to become manifest.

There are books that date back to the ancient Egyptians, Babylonians, Samarians, and Chaldeans that explain step by step how to perform evil rituals to accomplish certain evil things. Two of the best known books are called the Necronomicon and the Goetia and are readily available to people who have the desire to do these evil things.

There is an incredible story in Acts that we should recall...

[Acts 19:13-19] Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.

<u>NOTE</u>: It has been estimated that 50,000 pieces of silver were worth between \$10,000 and \$50,000 depending on the specific coin type being referenced.

These passages show us several things:

- 1) Demons and demon possession is real.
- 2) Demons have extreme physical power in certain situations.
- 3) Exorcism is real (when done properly in the name of Jesus)
- 4) Magic books are real and many people have them.

Whereas Jesus Christ gives all who believe salvation and eternal life as a free gift, Satan requires people to do "works" in order to get help from him....This is why there are magic books that explain how these very complicated rituals must be performed.

God made it very clear on several occasions that people should not mess around with magic or sorcery...

[Deuteronomy 18:10-11] There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

I could go into many biblical examples that cover all of these dark arts but it is sufficient to say that Magic and Sorcery are real and that when the "enchantments" or "spells" are performed, it requires special words, special symbols, and many times animal or human blood or a sacrifice.

Religious (Satanic) Cults

All of the religious cults (Catholics, Mormons, Buddhists, Hindus, 7th Day Adventists, Muslims, etc.) were created by Satan (through the children of disobedience) in order to hide the truth of Christianity and Jesus Christ. The doctrines and symbols of all of these religious cults can be traced back to ancient Egypt, Babylon, Samaria, and Chaldea where they were practiced under different names than what we are familiar with today. Originally, all of the people involved in the ancient mystery religions were aware of the satanic and demonic powers and influences. They met out in

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the open and performed their rituals where anyone could see them and join in if they desired; However, as time has gone by, people have become more "cultured" and the sorcery and evil practices have become hidden and only the very top levels of authority (and their carefully chosen support network) are aware of and directly involved in the true satanic rituals and worship. People who are your normal everyday members of a catholic church (for example) have no idea what is going on at the upper levels. The real problem is that people who are in these cults do not read the bible. They are usually "religious" people who show up on Sunday to do the required "rituals" and also believe they need to do "works" in order to get into heaven. All of the religious cults deny the true redeeming value of what Jesus Christ did for us and they promote "works based salvation".

When a Catholic talks about Jesus or God, they are talking about an entirely different Jesus and God than we as true Christians know. Their Jesus is weak and perverted and did not accomplish a true redemption for us through His blood. They believe they must save themselves through works because what Jesus did was not good enough. Their overall view of God is that He is also weak and prone to mistakes...The Pope has authority to "fix" or override anything in the Bible that he feels is wrong through what is called "Papal Supremacy".

Here are some examples of Catholic Heresy:

- 1) Catholics promote purgatory which is the place they say you go after you die. Depending how bad you were dictates the length of time you need to stay in purgatory in order to pay for your sins. This means that what Jesus did does not matter...it is up to the individual to "save" themselves while in purgatory.
- 2) Catholics make it a sin if you are not in church every Sunday. This is because they require you to take communion every week in order to "cover" your sins for that week. They also believe that the bread and wine actually become the real flesh and blood of Jesus Christ at the time they take it. This is called "Transubstantiation" and it is also cannibalism. They believe that the blood of Jesus must be shed every week in order to cover their current sins.
- 3) The Catholics believe that Mary remained a virgin her entire life and also that she was sinless.
- 4) Catholics believe that people must pray through Mary or a Saint as an intermediary in order for God to listen to their prayers.

The bible makes it very clear that Jesus Christ gave His life for us all and that the one time was sufficient.

[Hebrews 10:10] By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The bible also makes it very clear that all men (and women) are sinners (Except for Jesus) so Mary was a sinner too.

[Romans 3:23-26] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

The bible also tells us that Jesus had half brothers and half sisters so Mary did not remain a virgin.

This is just a very tiny tip of the iceberg of evil that is being promoted by the Catholic church. This is blasphemy and heresy and rooted in Satan. It is important to realize that if we know anyone who is a Catholic (or Mormon, or other) that we should try to help them to understand who the true Jesus Christ is in a loving and humble fashion. They may seem like really great people who love the Lord but if it is the wrong lord, they are doomed.

Symbols & Likenesses

Now I need to move onto the symbols and the supposed images of Jesus Christ. Nowhere in the bible does God tell us to create, use, or promote any symbols. In fact, God makes it clear that we need to be very careful with our worship and that we should not do certain things...

The second commandment states:

[Exodus 20:4] "You shall not make for yourself a carved image or <u>any likeness</u> of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

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The church is our place of worship and by having images incorporated within the building, we are using them as part of our worship. A symbol or picture of any living thing is a "likeness" of it.

False Images of Jesus Christ:

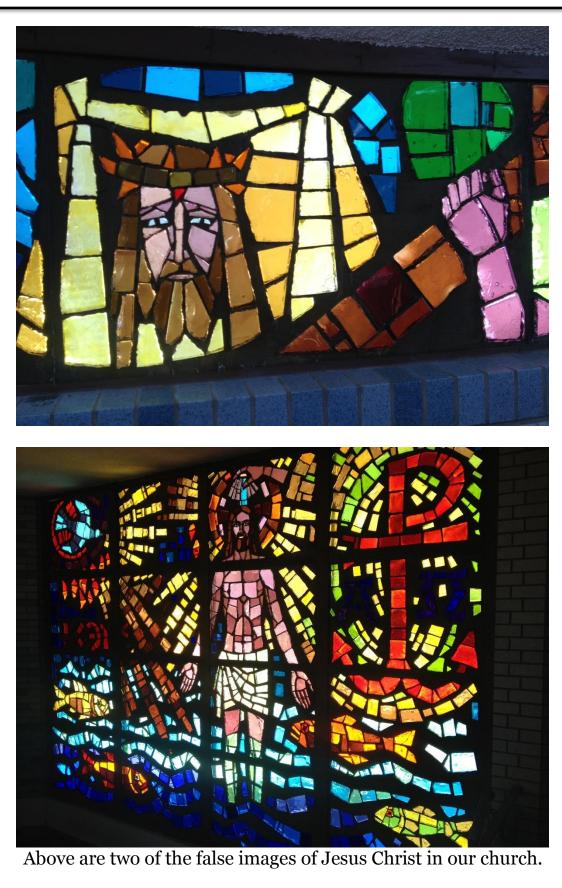
Let me start with the image that is supposed to represent Jesus Christ. Absolutely nowhere in the bible does God describe what Jesus Christ looks like. There is no one alive that knows what Jesus Christ looks like. In fact, incredibly, we don't know what any person mentioned in the bible looks like. God went out of His way to keep the specific descriptions of people out of the bible. This is probably to help thwart idolatry...once people have an image, it can quickly become an idol (just as the Catholic church does with their images of Mary and Jesus).

So where did the present day image that everyone believes to be Jesus Christ come from? The oldest known image of Jesus Christ (shown below) is dated from about 600 AD...That is about 600 years after Jesus was crucified. I was not surprised to find out that it showed up in a Catholic church (Saint Catherine's monastery).



Oldest known false image of Jesus Christ

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Let's just think about this for a minute...Imagine waking up one morning and having the nerve to think that you have the right to take a guess at what Jesus Christ looks like. Then you are so arrogant that you decide to paint a picture of Him and hang it on a church wall so that people can worship it. This is blasphemy and there is no way that the Holy Spirit moved anyone to do this...This is the work of Satan.

Now let's think about this further...why would Satan want to create and promote a particular image of what "God in the flesh" looks like. I believe the only valid and logical answer is that this will be what the anti-Christ looks like. This is a nearly 2000 year old agenda that has programmed everyone on the planet to believe that Jesus Christ was a somewhat underweight man with long brown hair and a beard. If you think about it...nearly any skinny man that has long brown hair and a beard looks somewhat like this image. This will make it very easy for the anti-Christ to take on this very well known identity.

I realize this is speculation so I will move on to conclude this section by saying:

- 1) God does not want us to know what Jesus Christ looks like; Otherwise, He would have told us in the bible or allowed a verified painting or sculpture from the time of Jesus to have survived.
- 2) There are 7 billion unique people alive today and many hundreds of millions who have died...it is a statistical impossibility that someone guessed at what Jesus looks like and got it right.
- 3) If we are not 100% sure that the image is exactly what Jesus Christ looks like AND that God wants us to use it in our worship, we should NOT keep it or promote it.

Symbols:

Let me begin by saying that the majority of the non-Christian world believes the lie that:

Catholic = Christian

This is one of the most confusing things that there is surrounding religion. When you go onto Wikipedia or almost anywhere that is not a true Christian web site, when they say "Christian" they are really referring to "Catholics". Of course, we should all know that Catholics are not Christians based on doctrine and beliefs (this is not to say that there are not Christians

that are Catholics but I must say that this is despite the Catholic Church, not because of it)

Having said this, please realize that all of the supposed "Christian Symbols" that we have today such as the "fish" or the "Chi-Rho" or even the "cross" came from the Catholics. Because of the incredibly confusing layers of lies as well as hundreds and thousands of years that have passed since their true origins, real Christians have adopted these symbols as representing Christianity based on misunderstandings and lies.

Please realize that in most cases, Christians use symbols because they love Jesus and they want to let everyone know that they are a Christian. Pretty much none of them realize the origins of the symbols. This is a personal choice being made by their heart. Nearly all present day Christian symbols originated in ancient Egypt, Babylon, Samaria, or Chaldea and have had different lies attached to their meaning based on the current cultures and their understanding of things. If an individual wants to display a "Christian" symbol, that is their personal choice; However, we should not allow them to be integrated into our worship.

It is important to understand that you could ask 10 people what they believe a particular symbol stands for and you may get 3 or 4 different but seemingly valid answers...and they all might be wrong. Because it is so difficult to determine the true and original meaning of most symbols, it is important that they are not incorporated into our church. Symbols are used in sorcery to claim "stakes" on property and to identify things as being part of a particular "system" and also during satanic rituals. We do not want to accidentally incorporate a satanic symbol into our church because it could have a spiritually degrading effect on our worship or even draw demons to us in a dangerous and unwanted manner.

We should be extremely careful to not "play games" with unknown spiritual symbols.

I have compiled a list of some of the symbols that are in the Catholic church, which is now ours, that we should do our best to remove.

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<u>Chi-Rho</u>





Chi-Rho in our Church

Current Meaning: Also known as labarum, Constantine's cross, Christogram, and the Monogram of Christ. The Chi-Rho became a Christian symbol when adopted by the Roman Emperor Constantine, representing the first two letters in the name of Christ- the Chi, or 'ch,' and Rho, or 'r.' According to Church Father Eusebius (a Catholic), on the eve of the Battle of the Milvan Bridge, the Emperor saw the emblem in a dream, with the inscription, "By this sign, you shall conquer." According to the story, the battle was won and in return for the victory, Constantine legalized the religion and erected Christian (Catholic) churches.

Unfortunately, this story is very unlikely because Constantine's conversion occurred on his deathbed, if at all. In any case, the symbol was the standard of the Emperor's army, prominently displayed on the emperor's *labarum*, or battle standard. Constantine was probably not a Christian because he forced Christianity on people and killed anyone who did not become a Christian. He was possibly demon possessed and played a key role in the workings of Satan at that time.

Original Meaning: Before it became the monogram of Christ, the Chi-Rho was the monogram of Chronos (whose name also begins with a Chi-Rho), the god of time, and an emblem of several solar deities. It is also believed to be a derivation of the Egyptian ankh which represents the sun rising on the horizon.



Egyptian Ankh

Satan has used several layers of lies to change this into a Christian symbol. This is one of the best examples of how incredibly confusing and devious the lies are surrounding these symbols

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Front doors of our church

<u>**Current Meaning:**</u> Used as a cross to represent the crucifixion of Jesus Christ in and on many churches.

Original Meaning: The Celtic Cross (also known as the Ionic cross or the cross of Saint Columba) has its roots in a pre-Christian variation of the Solar cross. Examples of the Celtic cross date back as far as 4000 BC. The origin of the Celtic cross are not clear, but it was known to be an early symbol of the Gallic sun god Taranis. After the conversion of the Celtic Christian Church. Irish legend holds that the cross was introduced to Ireland by St. Columba (a Catholic), so it is sometimes referred to as Columba's cross, or the Ionic cross, after his monastery on the isle of Iona.

Star and crescent of Islam

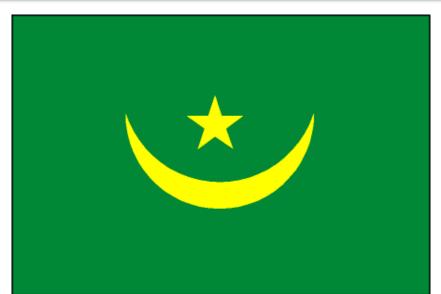


<u>**Current Meaning:**</u> This emblem is commonly recognized as the symbol of the Islamic faith. It is used by Catholic and other non-islamic churches in a "secretive" fashion through their architecture.



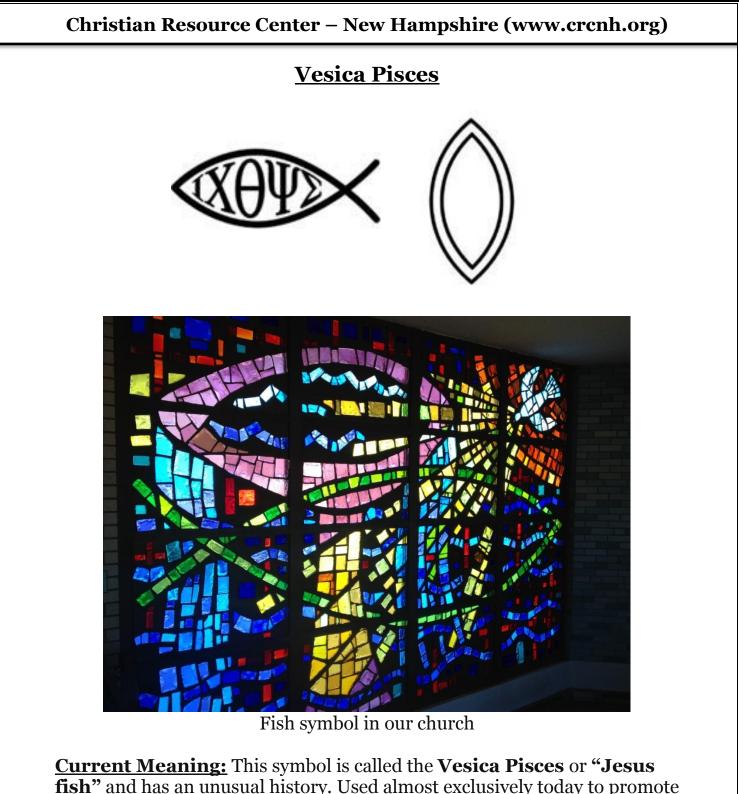
Notice how the cross is set so that it represents the sun being cradled by the moon (the church roof) from an east to west perspective.

Original Meaning: The star and crescent symbol itself is very ancient, dating back to early Sumerian civilization, where it was associated with the sun god and moon goddess (one early appearance dates to 2100 BC), and later, with goddesses Tanit and even Diana. The symbol remained in near constant use, and was eventually adopted into the battle-standard of the Ottoman Dynasty, who are mainly responsible for its association with Islam.



This is the traditional symbol of Islam and also the flag of Mauritania in Africa.

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fish" and has an unusual history. Used almost exclusively today to promote Christianity, the symbol once held a very different meaning (even to the early Christians who adopted it). The word usually found inscribed within, IXOYE (Ichthus), is Greek, meaning *fish*. The emblem became significant to Christians after St. Augustine (a Catholic), who extracted the word from the acrostic prophecy of the Erythraean Sibyl, and applied the Kabbalistic technique of notarikon (acrostic) to the word to reveal "Jesus Christ, God's

son, savior." This is a form of mysticism and St. Augustine used a satanic oracle to extract this information.

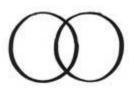
Another meaning of this symbol is explained by the custom of early Christians who would communicate by one person drawing a portion in the dirt and another completing the fish with the second portion. This was carried over from the practice of the ancient Pythagoreans, who discovered the shape's unique properties and made it an important part of their teachings.

Original Meaning: In earlier times, this glyph was associated with the goddess Venus, and represented female genitalia. Early depictions of Christ depict him as an infant within the vesica (In this context, it is usually referred to as a mandorla, meaning 'almond shaped.'), which represented the womb of Mary, and often, the coming together of heaven and earth in the body of Jesus (part man, part god). As such, it is also a doorway or portal between worlds, and symbolizes the intersection between the heavens and the material plane.



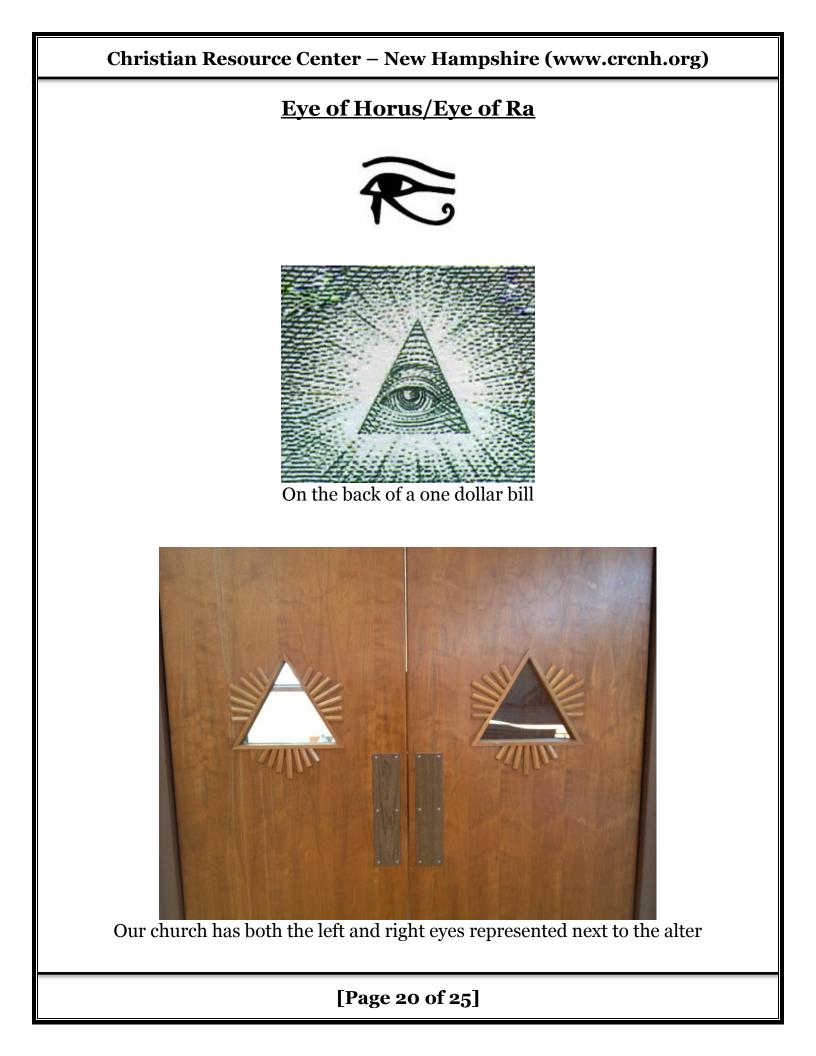
Christ in the Vesica Pisces (mandorla)

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The shape of arches in Gothic architecture is based on the vesica. The shape of the vesica pisces is derived from the intersection of two circles, the Pythagorean "measure of the fish" that was a mystical symbol of the intersection of the world of the divine with the world of matter and the beginning of creation.

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Outside a Catholic Church in Europe



Inside a Masonic Temple

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Current and Original Meanings: This symbol has absolutely no place in a church. It does not currently and never did have any link to Christianity. The Catholic church uses this symbol based on it's original design of "The All Seeing Eye of Horus" which is equivalent to Satan. Designed to resemble the eye of a falcon, this symbol is called the Eye of Ra or Eye of Horus and it represents the right eye of the Egyptian Falcon God Horus. As the udjat (or utchat), it represented the sun, and was associated with the Sun God Ra (Re). The mirror image, or left eye, represented the moon, and the God Tehuti (Thoth). (A very similar concept of the sun and moon as eyes appears in many religious traditions, such as the Celtic tale of the hand of Nuada.)

According to legend, the left eye was torn from Horus by his murderous brother Seth, and magically restored by Thoth, the God of magic. After the restoration, some stories state, Horus made a gift of the eye to Osiris, which allowed this solar deity to rule the underworld. The story of this injury is probably an allusion to the phases of the moon as the eye which is "torn out" every month.

Together, the eyes represent the whole of the universe, a concept similar to that of the Taoist Yin-yang symbol. Spiritually, the right eye reflects solar, masculine energy, as well as reason and mathematics. The left eye reflects fluid, feminine, lunar energy, and rules intuition and magic. Together, they represent the combined, transcendent power of Horus. The Eye of Horus was believed to have healing and protective power, and it was used as a protective amulet, and as a medical measuring device, using the mathematical proportions of the eye to determine the proportions of ingredients in medical preparations.

The Masonic all seeing eye, the Eye of Providence symbol found on American money, and our modern Rx pharmaceutical symbol are all descended from the Eye of Horus.

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<u>SPQR</u>

<u>**Current and Original Meaning:</u>** SPQR is an acronym from a Latin phrase, Senātus PopulusQue Rōmānus ("The Senate and People of Rome"), referring to the government of the ancient Roman Republic, and used as an official emblem of the modern day commune (municipality) of Rome. It appears on coins, at the end of documents made public by inscription in stone or metal, in dedications of monuments and public works, and was emblazoned on the standards of the Roman legions. This has no place in a Christian church.</u>



SPQR in our church



SPQR Acronym for modern day Rome

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The Madonna Lily

<u>**Current and Original Meaning:**</u> There is no Christian significance to the Madonna Lily. The Roman Catholic Church dedicated the Madonna Lily to the Virgin Mary, hence the Madonna Lily name. It symbolizes "purity". The Catholic church believes that Mary was sinless and a perpetual virgin and signifies it through this pure white lily.



Madonna Lily in our church



Another example of the Madonna Lily in another Catholic Church

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Conclusion

I feel that it is very important that we do everything we can do to remove all questionable symbols and false images of Jesus from our new church. I thank you for your time and prayerful consideration of this matter. I would be happy to answer any questions anyone may have and I would also be happy to go into more depth on anything contained in this document. God Bless You!

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