

Coincidence or Not – continued. .

- 1. God is omniscient**, meaning He knows everything. The story told at Christmas time to children is that there is someone else who is also omniscient. As the lyrics in the song go, “So for goodness sake be good,” “He *knows* when you are sleeping, he *knows* when you’re awake, so you’d better be good, you’d better not pout.”
- 2. God is omnipresent**, meaning He is everywhere all the time. And as the story continues, children are lead to believe Santa can cover the whole world in an evening, which would take a supernatural ability like that of God’s divine nature.
- 3. God is omnipotent**, meaning He is all-powerful and there is none like Him in this attribute. Yet in the secular Christmas story Santa is ascribed the ability to do anything, answer any request if one just believes hard enough and sincerely enough. (A lot like genuine prayer isn’t it?)
- 4. God’s dwelling place is in the north (Isaiah 14.)** And where does the story about Santa say he lives?
- 5. The scriptures tell us that the LORD shall descend from out of the heavens and where does this jolly old man of the Christmas story descend from? Not *the* heaven but from the heavens about the earth.**
- 6. The LORD will come as a thief in the night (Matthew 24:43 & I Peter 3:10,) and who at Christmas steals silently into the home?**
- 7. The scriptures tell us that the LORD will bring His rewards with Him and the secular story about Santa is that he also brings his rewards with him for those who have been good.**

Coincidences or what? A season so rich in truth as it concerns God’s Love and Christ’s love for us sinners becomes juxtaposed to a story that steals God’s character and superimposes them upon a mythical figure, is always unwise. Have fun with the story – keep it a story and make sure we tell the one story that is *absolutely true*.