

Like Christmas, Easter, and Halloween, New Year's and other holidays of the world, St Valentine Day is another attempt to "whitewash" perverted customs and observances of pagan gods and idols by "Christianizing" them. As innocent and harmless as St. Valentine's Day appear, its origins and customs originate from two of the most sexually perverted pagan festivals of ancient history: Lupercalia and the feast day of Juno Februata both celebrated on the same day.

LUPERCALIA AND FESTIVAL OF JUNO FEBRUATA



Lupercalia is an ancient Roman festival held annually on Feb 15th. The ceremony of the festival was intended to secure fertility and keep out evil. Each Lupercalia began with the sacrifice of goats and a dog; two of its priests (Luperci) were then led to the altar and their foreheads were anointed with blood.

Rituals consisted of the priest (Luperci) cutting pieces of skin from the sacrificed animals (februa). The men ran around Palestine Hill striking at any woman who came near them. A blow from the men supposed fertility for the women. Young men impersonated male goats which was a representation of sexuality in honor of the god Faunus/Lupercus. z

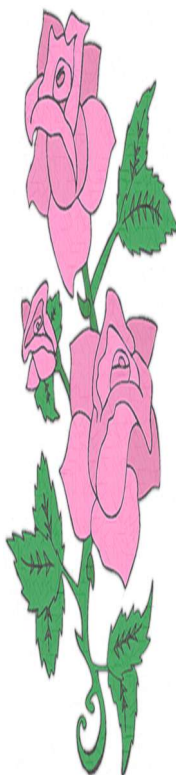
Festival of Juno Februata was a feast celebrated on Feb 15 to celebrate the Roman goddess of fever of love, marriage, and women.

bowl. Each single man drew one billet. The lady whose name was on the billet he drew was his partner for the day's erotic festivals. Does any of this sound familiar?

CHRISTIANIZING LUPERCALIA AND FESTIVAL OF JUNO FEBRUATA

In AD 494 Pope Gelasius I suppressed the perverted ancient Roman festivals after a long contest. Gelasius' letter to the mayor Andromachus detailed the controversy between the Christians displeasure with the pagan rituals. In his letter, he offers a solution to combine fertility and purification. Pope Gelasius I replaced the pagan festivals with the Feast of Purification of the Virgin Mary. The feast is observed by the Eastern Rite Catholic Churches on Feb 15. Pope Gelasius also changed the feast of Juno Februata from Feb 15 to the 14th and called it St Valentine's Day. It was then associated with various martyrs by the name of Valentine.

Instead of putting the names of girls into a box, the names of "saints" were drawn by both boys and girls. It was then each person's duty to emulate the life of the saint whose name he or she had drawn. Though the church at Rome banned the sexual lottery, young men still practiced a much toned-down



version, sending women whom they desired handwritten romantic messages containing St Valentine's name.

10 Reasons not to Celebrate Valentine's Day

1. The LORD commands us to come out of Roman Catholicism and her sins (Rev 18:4).
2. It's a popular holiday observed around the world, but the bible says Satan deceives the world (Rev 12:9)
3. The LORD condemns adopting any practices of the pagans around us (Leviticus 18:1-4)
4. The LORD calls his holy days a shadow of things to come, but pagan holidays are not (Col 2:16-17)
5. It breaks the first commandment by having other gods -i.e. the love god Juno, Eros (Ex 20:3)
6. It breaks the second commandment by having images – cupid a winged boy with an arrow (Ex 20:4-6)
7. It breaks the tenth commandment by promoting covetousness amongst men and women (Ex 20:17)
8. True followers of God will not follow the multitudes or majority to false worship (Ex 23:2)
9. Jesus said the majority are on the wrong road leading to death (Matt 7:13-14)
10. The LORD is a jealous God and will judge any playing with other gods (Ex 34:12-16)