

Why Santa is white

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The character of Santa Claus is based on that of Saint Nicholas. However, in the original story, Saint Nicholas is surrounded by Black Jacks (in Dutch they are called “*Zwarte Piet*”, literally ‘Black Pete’). In the story of Santa Claus, these black sidekicks are replaced by reindeer.

Ignorant people have no clue why Santa and Saint Nicholas are white, and why Nicholas’ assistants are black. Some wrongfully conclude that this story suggests that people with a darker skin color are inferior to people with a lighter skin color. This, however, is utterly nonsense.

The truth behind this annual celebration is that both Santa and Nicholas are personifications of the central star in our solar system. Our sun, named Helios in *Wholly Science*, is surrounded by eight planets. That is why there are eight reindeer pulling Santa’s sleigh.

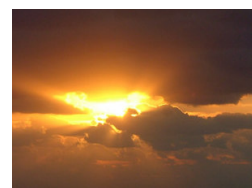
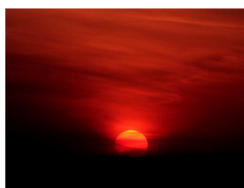
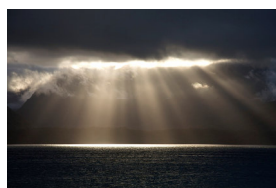


The helpers of Nicholas are painted black in order to indicate that the planets do not emit visible light of their own; they only reflect sunlight. This is clearly visible with our moon Luna, but also Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn reflect sunlight that is visible to the naked eye. In the night sky, these planets then appear to be stars.



The only light-radiating celestial body in our solar system is the sun Helios. In the picture on the left, the man in the middle personifies Helios, and the two individuals at his sides personify for instance Venus and Mars.

The long white hairs all around the round face of Santa / Nicholas symbolizes the rays of sunlight. Furthermore, we not only perceive the sun Helios as white, but sometimes also as red, when Helios is setting. We can sometimes even see a golden sun. That is why the colors of Santa are white and red. On Nicholas’ my robe and mitre, there is also the golden color.





The star in the top of the Christmas tree also represents the sun Helios, as this is the only star in our solar system. The Christmas tree symbolizes the family tree of Helios. His descendants are the planets of our solar system, as planets originate from stars. The baubles represent the planets of our solar system. When they reflect light unto our eyes, they appear as stars, as explained above. That is why there are also lights in the Christmas tree. These light represent the sunlight-reflecting planets. Next, the ribbons represent the orbital paths of these planets. The true meaning of the Christmas tree is actually quit straightforward. It is rather remarkable that so few people know this true meaning.

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