

Merry Christmas To Our Epicurean Friends!

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Speaking of Santa Claus...

Before the Coca-Cola rebranding of Santa, he appeared as a tall thin bearded man known under various names. One of the most notable is Father Christmas. In pre-Christian pagan times the Yule season was celebrated by various peoples and the patron of this time of year was the Yule Father, Jölföthr...aka Odin or Woden. Known to associate with elves and other spirits he would ride through the sky at night on an eight legged flying horse. Not dissimilar to eight flying reindeer. One of which is etymologically related to Thor or Donar...Donner/Donder “Thunder.”

Other than the gift giving aspect of the very different St. Nicholas, Santa Claus has far more in common with the magical Odin who reigns over the magical realm of Asgard. It seems just like in Neil Gaiman’s American Gods, Mr. Wednesday (Odin) has rebranded himself and has made himself relevant through the ages. □□□□□□