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Holiday Season

December is a time of celebrations by many peoples for many reasons. Below are some occasions you might have already celebrated, some you might want to celebrate, and some you might consider celebrating when they come again, and a few solemn ones lest we forget.

Whichever you wish to celebrate this Holiday Season, I hope that you do so in peace and harmony and that your life in the coming year will be graced with even greater harmony and peacefulness.

- 1 WORLD AIDS DAY
- 2 WORLD POLLUTION PREVENTION DAY
- 4 WORLD WILDLIFE CONSERVATION DAY
- 7-15 HANUKKAH
- 7 USA'S REMEMBRANCE OF PEARL HARBOR DAY
- 10 NOBEL PRIZE DAY
- 10 United Nations' HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
- 12 National DING-A-LING DAY
- 14-28 HALCYON Days
- 15 BILL of RIGHTS DAY
- 16 UNDERDOG DAY
- 17-23 SATURNALIA honoring Saturn/Zeus, father of gods
- 21 SOLSTICE; GODY in Poland; CHAOMOS in Pakistan;
SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE; SUN (Maya, Inca, many others)
- 21 HUMBUG DAY
- 23 FESTIVUS
- 24 Christmas Eve (date changed from ≈ late Winter, -4)
- 25 CHRISTMAS

Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will; to Hell with the Rest!

- 25 GODS' BIRTHDAYS:
 - Yah'shua ben Yosef
(date chosen to conflict with Saturnalia and other gods' birthday celebrations).
 - Invincible Sun (*Dies Natalis Invicti*);
Mithras, the Sun god. Attis. Dionysus. Osiris.
- 26 BOXING DAY
- 26 National WHINER'S DAY
- 26-January 1 Kwanzaa
- 31 NEW YEAR's EVE
- 31 MAKE UP YOUR MIND DAY

INDEPENDENCE/BIRTHS of NATIONS

- 1000 Kingdom of Hungary
- 1640 Portugal
- 1821 Dominican Republic
- 1917 Finland
- 1918 Iceland
- 12/29/22-12/25/91 Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- 1958 Central African Republic
- 1958 Bourkina Fasso
- 1958 Niger
- 1960 Ivory Coast
- 1961 Tanganyika
- 1963 Zanzibar
- 1963 Kenya
- 1974 Maltese Republic
- 1951 Libya
- 1975 Lao People's Democratic Republic

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Jesus of Nazareth
- 1503 Nostradamus
- 1642 Isaac Newton
- 1770 Ludwig von Beethoven
- 1821 Clara Barton
- 1832 Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel
- 1839 George Armstrong Custer
- 1861 Charles Edgar Duryea
- 1870 Helena Rubinstein
- 1876 Muhammad Ali Jinnah
- 1886 Diego Rivera
- 1901 Walter Elias Disney
- 1907 Cab Calloway
- 1908 Quentin Crisp
- 1915 Pete Rugolo
- 1912 Minoru Yamasaki
- 1915 William Randolph Hearst
- 1915 Frank Sinatra
- 1920 Dave Brubeck
- 1923 Maria Callas
- 1932 Little Richard

EVENTS

- 336 Celebration of Christmas on December 25
- 1520 Martin Luther publicly burns papal edict demanding he recant
- 1534 Quito founded
- 1773 Boston Tea Party
- 1787 Delaware ratifies Constitution, becomes 1st US state
- 1790 Calendar stone found in Mexico City
- 1803 USA buys Louisiana
- 1865 Slavery abolished in USA
- 1869 Women granted right to vote
- 1871 "Aida" premiers
- 1912 Roald Amundsen reaches South pole
- 1932 Snow in San Francisco; frost in Hell
- 1941 Pearl Harbor attacked
- 1948 Universal Declaration on Human Rights: UN General Assembly
- 1954 Joseph McCarthy censured by U.S. Senate
- 1955 Rosa parks keeps her seat

INVENTIONS

- 1621 Telescope by Galileo
- 1877 Phonograph by Thomas Edison
- 1903 Powered flight by Wright Brothers

CREATIONS

- 794 Kyoto
- 1791 Bill of Rights
- 1793 Daily newspaper, Noah Webster
- 1818 "Silent Night"
- 1842 New York Philharmonic
- 1890 Ellis Island Immigration Station
- 1911 San Francisco Symphony
- 1913 Drive-up gasoline station: Pittsburgh
- 1922 Skywriting over the US: "Hello USA" by RAF Captain Turner
- 1947 Everglades National Park, Harry S Truman
- 1966 Kwanzaa, M. Ron Karenga

A revise of my comments of December 21, 1998:

This revolting screed has had many annual appearances
We can't say "Merry Christmas" or call it a Christmas Tree; we have to say "Happy Holidays" and call it a Holiday Tree because it might offend someone if we refer to Christmas.
If our customs and traditions offend you, GO HOME. I will help you pack. I AM A PROUD AMERICAN CITIZEN ... MERRY CHRISTMAS. God IS Christmas and a part of my daily life.

You might be proud to be a citizen of the USA but your offensive attitude makes me cringe in disgust because of your pitiful delusion that you're a good one! People like you are an embarrassment to decent citizens of any country.

You seem to be blissfully ignorant of the reason others sailed on the *Mayflower* to a new home. Let me tell you why they did: your unacceptable intolerance! It is because people like you reveled in the lack of religious freedom at the home they left. You are who should "go home"* to a land where your kind of intolerance is acceptable. It's not only unAmerican, it is also counter to the teachings of any religion of which I know.

Your god might be part of your daily life just as other peoples' gods might be part of their daily lives. You obviously do not share good

Americans' understanding that we are free to be with our gods only as long as

others are free to be with, or without, theirs. I suggest you read the first phrase of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Oh, and you might consider going back to your ancestral home; we don't need your kind in the USA.



*Countries where the USA's intolerant can "GO HOME" to a State Religion

- Algeria — Andorra — Argentina — Armenia — Bahrain — Bangladesh
- Bhutan — British Commonwealth — Brunei — Bulgaria — Cambodia
- Comoros — Costa Rica — Cyprus — Denmark — Djibouti
- Dominican Republic — East Timor — Egypt — El Salvador — Finland
- France — Georgia — Greece — Guatemala — Haiti — Hungary — Iceland
- Iran — Iraq — Italy — Jordan — Kuwait — Libya — Liechtenstein
- Malaysia — Maldives — Malta — Mauritaniav Monaco — Morocco
- Myanmar — Nicaragua — Norway — Oman — Pakistan — Palestine
- Panama — Paraguay — Perú — Poland — Portugal — Qatar — Sahrawi
- Saudi Arabia — Scotland — Somalia — Spain — Sri Lanka — Sweden
- Tuvanu — United Arab Emirates — Yemen

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