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DESTROYING CHRISTMAS



Tradition¹

Christmas is a world-wide celebration that commemorates the Birth of the Savior Jesus Christ. It is not important that the date is December 25 every year. The date is merely symbolical. It is momentous that Jesus Christ was born and that people believe in His message of Everlasting Love and Life.



The *Adoration of the Shepherds*, colour on canvas by the leading portrait painter of the Dutch Golden Age (c. 1575 - c. 1725), Gerard van Honthorst (1590-1656), 25 December 1662. The work is in the public domain.

Source: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Gerard_van_Honthorst_001.jpg.

¹ The vintage design garland above and the one at the end of this essay are in the public domain. The source is <http://oldvintagedesigns.blogspot.de/2013/12/free-christmas-clipart-and-patterns.html>.

In the United States of America the Christmas season is that time of the year immediately following Thanksgiving. American homes and hearts are filled with the joys of the holiday season and turkey with all of the accompanying side dishes again becomes the main meal for the celebration. It is a wonderful moment for families that are filled with the love and unity of the family. Americans have the fondest memories of their past Christmas holidays; the visits of distant relatives from all over the United States, indeed even those scattered throughout the world; as well as the singing of Christmas carols and taking part in neighborhood gatherings.

The American family may not have the time during the year to gather together because of work, family responsibilities, or the special needs of children. Nevertheless, in the tradition of an American Christmas adult siblings are making decisions concerning which family will host the family American Christmas or whether they will stay home for a special Christmas of their own.

The Christmas celebration is a wonderful time of the year that brings joy to children and families while the nation has the opportunity to come together regardless of creed. As such the Christmas season is more than just a holiday celebration. It is a way of life that reflects the Judeo-Christian cultural tradition, the Birth of Jesus, family unity, the positive treatment of the less fortunate, and celebration of love and happiness universally. The atmospheres at home, at work, and in the stores are of worker excitement, carolers singing, children playing, families gathering and putting differences aside, and the world lighting up with multicolor lights. Leaves are splendidly full of colorful collages. People are spreading good will and happiness. In many regions it appears that the angels make the environment cold with snow just a few weeks before Christmas. Such traditions have been passed on from generation to generation and they bring joy to the American society every year with Christmas trees, themes, silver balls, winged angels, a Santa Claus in every store, repetitive music on the airwaves, local choirs singing about the Christ Child born in Bethlehem, messages ringing from every radio, television, and home sweet home.² These sounds underscore the warmth in one's heart when celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ.

² *Christmas music a timeless tradition*, Grit, 123(12), at http://go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?id=GALE%7CA177815113&v=2.1&u=20398_pclc&it=r&p=GPS&sw=w&asid=9d12ce90b6963dc6fa1e0b9294b91d2f6, accessed on 4 December 2014.

The American tradition of Christmas has every little child beaming with enthusiasm about the holiday while trying to be good so Santa can bring the child's favorite toy or fulfill the child's wish. The traditional Christmas is about the children because they remind us that children are the future. Good will is spread in the name of Jesus Christ. The celebration of His Birth heals because it brings children, mothers, fathers, and grandparents together for at least one day remembering what is holy, good, and wholesome about the Christmas holiday. Christian people celebrate the Birth of Jesus in a tradition of family, unity, love, thanks, and peace.

The traditional American Christmas will have the green Christmas trees full of color and life with the angel brightly lighted at the top of the tree. The parents decorate the homes with beautiful lights that brighten up the dark night and anyone's heart that sees the display. Goodwill is on display because every store, mall, and home has the greeting of *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*. The entire society from work places, sport arenas, grocery stores, schools, churches, and homes brings some kind of joy with a holiday smile.

My home echoes with Christmas spirit, family laughter, love, joy, and the tastiness of homemade goodies.³ Immediately after Thanksgiving the anticipation of Christmas is in the air: stores and homes have started to put out Christmas decorations, a tradition of an American Christmas. Indeed, Christmas is truly the most celebrated time of the year.

The essence of Jesus' words enters everyone's heart because this day touches the minds and hearts of many people during the Christmas celebration. This time of year gives society reflection on the Birth of Jesus but also reminds us about the joys in life, especially the innocence of our children.

Children are the greatest gift in life and American families realize this all the more when their hearts are filled with the anticipation of Santa Claus coming to fulfill their Christmas wishes. In many European and in all German-speaking countries it is the *Christkind* (Christ Child) who brings the gifts and joy on Christmas Eve. In Europe Santa

³ For a presentation of a usual Christmas atmosphere see Jean Teller, *Candies: A holiday hit: homemade treats add a tasty, decorative flair to the season's meals and parties*. Grit, 132(6), 34, at http://go.gale.com/ps/i.do?id=GALE%7CA388051502&v=2.1&u=20398_pclc&it=r&p=GPS&sw=w&asid=a09cdc7b5da4f72d0d7d518afabcc083, accessed on 4 December 2014.

Claus fills the children's shoes, boots, or stockings when children are sleeping on the eve of Nicholas Day, 6 December. The Christmas Day celebration brings memories and traditions to families that will be passed on in following decades.

The naysayers want to destroy the spirit of Christmas because they feel too much money and advertising is spent on material things vis-à-vis the celebrating of the Birth of Christ. However, it is not true. Christmas has positive stimuli for businesses, churches, families, communities, and individuals because they practice giving, family unity, and love. The spirit of Christmas lives on and becomes more popular each year, thus helping the economy. The employers are more generous at the end of the year during Christmas holidays. The society as a whole is trying to feed the hungry and disadvantaged by providing free food, financial donations, and gifts for children all over the world. The Salvation Army helps families that are in need.⁴ The United Way assists the community during Christmas with financial help, rental assistance, utility bills, food, toys, and moral support for those living in poverty.⁵ Yet, many secular organizations are trying to destroy the American Christmas spirit.

Commercialization Confronts Christmas

There are those who condemn Christmas as a money-making business scheme to get Americans to spend money in the stores. They believe the entire reason for celebrating has been lost in Macy's sales and Wal-Mart seasonal offerings, the gluttonous behavior to self-indulge with food, new toys, or new houses, or new cars, or new whatnots. The television commercials promote Christmas as if it were the Super Bowl for the sole purpose of attracting more people to spend more and more money, or if the people do not have money, to take out a loan. At every corner people are cashing in on Christmas from banks, school bakery sales, malls, department stores, and the dollar stores to name a few. The television networks receive billions of dollars in advertising that promote a new male fighter doll and a new Barbie doll that your youngster and your little girl must have to be happy for Christmas. Sport franchises make deals with the television networks to share profits during the Christmas holiday. A

⁴ <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/ways-we-help>, accessed on 4 December 2014.

⁵ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Way_of_America, accessed on 4. December 2014.

sports stadium will be redecorated with sponsors so they can advertise to consumers with billboards during the sporting events. Christmas starts too early, thus causing the loss of the true intent of celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ. The modus operandi means that advertising and marketing begin so early in order to allow businesses more time to make more profit at the end of the year.⁶

The naysayers believe Christmas is no longer a celebration of Jesus Christ's Birth. It is a commercialized racket that capitalizes on free enterprise to maximize revenues during this holiday season. The American Christmas has moved away from the tradition of hanging stockings on the fireplace mantle or near the chimney while waiting for Santa Claus. The carefully placed ginger bread man, the smell of evergreen trees, and hundreds of lights and candles ... all have become dependent on commercialization.⁷

The commercials do not mention that Christmas, or the use of *Xmas* is the day to remember the Birth of Christ. The use of the term *Xmas*, not the term itself, is insulting and demeaning.⁸ Businesses just want to advertise, the moneychangers ensure that Americans go into debt, and the media just want to celebrate a holiday without acknowledging Jesus Christ's Birth. The American economy with Christmas sales, Christmas discounts, the increase on credit card limits, and billions spent on marketing, depends on the influx of cash and credit that is spent throughout the Christmas holidays.

⁶ *Have We Lost the True Meaning of Christmas* at <http://debatewise.org/debates/626-have-we-lost-the-true-meaning-of-christmas/>, accessed on 4 December 2014.

⁷ Penne Restad, *How Christmas Became the Most Commercialized Holiday* at <http://www.bloombergview.com/articles/2012-12-28/how-christmas-became-the-most-commercialized-holiday>, accessed on 4 December 2014.

⁸ I contend that the use of the term *Xmas* is insulting and demeaning to Americans because they do not understand the meaning of the X. Therefore, their ignorance is insulting to Christmas, which is the mass of Christ, the beginning of Christmastide on 25 December and the twelve days of Christmas that lasts until January 6, Epiphany. Their use of *Xmas* reflects this insult to themselves, really! The letter X in *Xmas* is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ: *Χριστός*, *Christós* meaning *anointed*. The proliferated use of *Xmas* is due to the expansion of the printing press and can be traced to the 16th century, although a very early variation thereof, *Xþes mæsse uhtan* (*Christ mass before sunrise*) in the year 1021 can be found in *The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* (1100). Other uses of X in abbreviated form for Christmas are: *X'temmas* (1551), *Xmas* (c. 1775), and *Xstmas* (1799). The use of the X for Christ in other combinations from the *Oxford English Dictionary* are: *Xpian the outward, inward, not at all* (1598), *Xtianity* (1634), *My first child...Xstened* (1685). However, Americans have become so dumbed down that they do not realize the origin of the word *Xmas*. How often do we hear and read *Put Christ back into Christmas*? The abbreviation *Xmas* is proof that Christ never left Christmas.

Atheists Assail Christmas

California claims to be a very progressive state with its constituents more tolerable to the actions of atheists. Sunny Santa Monica, California is the nascence of the atheist movement against Christmas. In tribute to the Birth of Jesus Christ, Santa Monica, California named itself *The City of the Christmas Story*. In Palisades Park there was a large painted sign of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem on display that atheists wanted removed because it was on the city government property.⁹ In 2011, the avowed atheist-in-chief Damon Vix of Burbank, California won two-thirds of the booths in the annual, city-sponsored lottery to rent out spaces in a live-sized Nativity Scene in Palisades Park. However, he put up one item only: a sign that read *Religions are all alike - founded on fables and mythologies*. Mr. Vix left the rest of his allotted spaces empty. As a result of Mr. Vix's assailing Christmas, the city has permanently banned its sixty-year Nativity Scene *Christmas Story* tradition.



Source: http://media.cleveland.com/nationworld_impact/photo/11885389-large.jpg.

Vix and similar atheists contend that Christianity breeds hate and that Christmas is a symbol thereof. However, this is such a closet-minded standpoint that atheists forget, or like to forget, that under Christianity women have been held in high regard and have achieved equality with their male counterparts. Moreover, human sacrifice and slavery became outlawed in Christian cultures. In the same historical time period heathen Arabs

⁹ Duke Pesta, *Christmas myths: in this day and age, when something is described as myth, people think of it as false history, not as something mythic. And we falsely assume that society can be free of "myth."*, *The New American*, 28(24), at http://go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?id=GALE%7CA313160_852&v=2.1&u=20398_pcl&it=r&p=GPS&sw=w&asid=496a20dfcbea4c58bfcfa4d9fbf00604 accessed on 4 December 2014.

still made human sacrifices. Islamic states have outlawed slavery, but not concubinage or volunteer workers who receive no wages. Atheists propagate abortions and even euthanasia. Indeed, atheist cultures are no different from pagan cultures and cults in that each have always relied on oppression and even murder to propagate their beliefs. Atheism is not reasonable, but illogical and inhuman. Atheists are enthusiastically pro-themselves.¹⁰

Some atheists have no problem with the celebration of Christmas. It is the meaning of the Christmas message and the belief in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit that riles them into taking ecstatic standpoints. Some atheists are very clever in their choosing to attack and fight the Christmas Season in California because there atheists have a historical past of instigating new laws that have an impact on the entire country. Atheists desire local, national, and global coverage of their viewpoints when spreading their attacks on Christmas celebrations in the United States of America.

Atheist advocates do not believe that the federal government, states, or cities have the right to make propaganda on public grounds celebrating Christmas. The legal argument by atheists surrounding their right to challenge the open display of any reference to Christ always rests with the possible government (state) support of church initiatives. Atheist followers believe they have legal standing that the separation of church and state must be honored. This argument concerning the glorification of Christmas on government property in Santa Monica, California left the decision to the California judicial system and its liberal-oriented justices. The legal charge against the government of Santa Monica was led by well-known atheist Damon Vix, whose goal is always to condemn the holiday celebration that has Christmas trees and public displays of Jesus. His actions were a direct attack on Christmas celebrations by using the freedom of expression guaranteed by the First Amendment to the *Constitution for the United States of America*.¹¹

¹⁰ <http://callisto.ggsrv.com/imgsrv/FastFetch/UBER1/ZI-0JZS-2012-DEC24-LASON-10-1>, accessed on 4 December 2014.

¹¹ For the true title of the American *Constitution* consult the information in the following essay: <http://www.colony14.net/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/theconstitutionfortheunitedstatesofamerica.pdf>.

Atheists have tried to discredit Christmas because they believe Christmas is a mythical celebration that goes against their atheist beliefs and traditions. They are constantly making the point that Christians have lost faith in the belief of Jesus Christ. The atheist advocates have successfully made organizations become overly sensitive to the American Christmas holiday. These attacks on Christmas are purposely done to erode the spirit and meaning of the Christmas holiday celebrations. In many places in the United States of America people celebrate the holiday with non-religious scenes. Public vocalizations of *Merry Christmas* are not permitted for fear of being brought before a court of law for the crime of offending the non-believers.

Atheism has crept into the minds of the society by using the First Amendment to force society to open up the proverbial Pandora's Box of troubles. Atheists attack Christmas as commercialization, mythical beliefs, Christian's loss of faith, and state and church working together in society. Atheists believe the Christmas holiday season is nothing more than a marketing scheme to trick the American people into going into debt for the Christmas holidays. The propaganda on television, radio, and in the media all have monetary reasons for wanting to push the spending on Christmas day. Atheists point out that very seldom do you hear or see anyone celebrating the Birth of Jesus, which if celebrated, the atheists would attack in every way possible. They point out that the celebration of Christmas is wrapped in symbolism like mythical characters and that even Great Britain not always observed Christmas and that Nativity Scenes are being banned – oops, phased out – in the schools.¹² Atheists cite the fact that the British people considers themselves Christians, but they do not believe in Christmas, while British employers have prohibited Christian ornamentations and references to Christ out of concern of offending non-Christians.¹³ The atheists relate to Britain because there are attitudes that support the destruction of the Christmas holiday celebrations that could possibly propagandize the disdain for the holiday globally and consequently gather support for the destruction of Christmas.

¹² <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11264641/Christmas-no-room-at-the-inn-for-baby-Jesus-in-school-nativities.html>; http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/holydays/christmas_1.shtml, accessed on 13 December 2014.

¹³ Oliver Burkeman, *The phony war on Christmas* at <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2006/dec/08/religion.communities>, accessed on 4. December 2014.

The atheists are making an organized effort to destroy Christmas celebrations in the public arena. They are using the same commercialization, advertising, and free enterprise to discredit the Christmas holiday season that the free market economy produces. The perfect example is Damon Vix in Santa Monica, California who purchased his own public advertising in the middle of town and legally discredited Christmas. This is physiological warfare to create doubt in the minds of the Christian believers that Christmas is corrupt. The strategic move in California concerning the issue that church and state should be separate has reached millions via the sympathetic media.

In 2012, the targeted destruction of Christmas strategically concentrated itself in New York City,¹⁴ where American atheists collected funds to purchase a large billboard in Times Square, one the most visited places with diverse people from every cultural heritage. The billboard had Santa Claus and Jesus on a cross with the captions *Keep the Merry and Dump the Myth*.



Source: <http://i.huffpost.com/gen/898888/thumbs/o-AMERICAN-ATHEISTS-CHRISTMAS-BILLBOARD-570.jpg?>

¹⁴ Phillip Jensen, *Are the Atheists Right about Christmas?* at <http://matthiasmedia.com/briefing/2012/12/are-the-atheists-right-about-christmas>, accessed on 4 December 2014.

The California and New York attacks on Christmas were not by mistake and those in the future will not be simply coincidental. Atheists are seeking to discredit Christmas in the cities that have the most diverse populations. There is reason for concern because the secular, militant atheists are becoming more and more aggressive in attacking Christmas tradition. The atheists are being led by the organization American Atheists, which also funded the protests in Ohio concerning the word *salvation* on Licking Valley T-Shirts in Newark, Ohio; the saying of a prayer before the school's football games;¹⁵ and the placing of crosses along highways in Utah by the private Utah Highway Association to memorialize slain police officers with white roadside crosses. American Atheists protested that the white crosses conveyed the implication that the state of Utah was endorsing Christianity.¹⁶

The targeted attacks on Christmas by atheists gain momentum because they are using the United States laws to support their opinion that the state and church should be separate. They often quote Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826; President 1801-1809) and his concept of a *wall of eternal separation between church and state* that was the original rationale placed in the *Constitution for the United States of America* on this matter.¹⁷

On October 7, 1801, the Danbury Baptist Association of Danbury, Connecticut sent a letter to the newly-elected third President of the United States in which they asked him why he had decided not to proclaim a period of fasting and a national day of Thanksgiving as had his predecessors George Washington (1732-1799; President 1789-1797) and John Adams (1735-1826; President 1797-1801). Thomas Jefferson's answer was phrased in the context of the relationship between the federal government and the state governments. Long after the letter was written Thomas Jefferson's position on the role of religion in a civic, democratic republic was falsely interpreted and this wrong interpretation has stayed with American judicial decisions.

¹⁵ <http://www.thepoliticalinsider.com/video-christians-ohio-fight-back-godless-atheists-prayer-must-see/>, accessed on 4 December 2014.

¹⁶ <http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/11pdf/10-1276.pdf>, accessed on 4 December 2014.

¹⁷ The Establishment Clause, First Amendment to the *Constitution for the United States of America*.

To messers Nehemiah Dodge, Ephraim Robbins, & Stephen S. Nelson, a committee of the Danbury Baptist association in the state of Connecticut.¹⁸

Gentlemen

The affectionate sentiments of esteem & approbation which you are so good as to express towards me, on behalf of the Danbury Baptist association, give me the highest satisfaction. my duties dictate a faithful & zealous pursuit of the interests of my constituents, and, in proportion as they are persuaded of my fidelity to those duties, the discharge of them becomes more & more pleasing.

Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man & his god, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legitimate powers of government reach actions only and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should "make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;" thus building a wall of eternal separation between Church & State. Congress thus inhibited from acts respecting religion, and the Executive authorised only to execute their acts, I have refrained from prescribing even those occasional performances of devotion, practiced indeed by the Executive of another nation as the legal head of its church, but subject here, as religious exercises only to the voluntary regulations and discipline of each respective sect,

[Jefferson first wrote: "*confining myself therefore to the duties of my station, which are merely temporal, be assured that your religious rights shall never be infringed by any act of mine and that.*" These lines he crossed out and then wrote: "*concurring with*"; having crossed out these two words, he wrote: "*Adhering to this great act of national legislation in behalf of the rights of conscience*"; next he crossed out these words and wrote: "*Adhering to this expression of the supreme will of the nation in behalf of the rights of conscience I shall see with friendly dispositions the progress of those sentiments which tend to restore to man all his natural rights, convinced that he has no natural rights in opposition to his social duties.*"]

I reciprocate your kind prayers for the protection & blessing of the common father and creator of man, and tender you for yourselves & the Danbury Baptist [your religious] association assurances of my high respect & esteem.

Th Jefferson
Jan. 1. 1802.

¹⁸ <http://www.loc.gov/loc/lcib/9806/danpost.html>, accessed on 4. December 2014. The underlining is the present author's.

Although atheists always quote the statement and the metaphor by Thomas Jefferson, it is still one of the most misunderstood and misused statements/metaphors in American history. If one examines Thomas Jefferson's political life beginning with his being the second governor of Virginia from 1779-1781 and continuing with his public service to the United States of America, one will conclude that Thomas Jefferson was a friend of religion.

The First Amendment to the *Constitution for the United States of America* states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;" This is a check and restraint on the federal, civil government. It is not a check and restraint on religion. Jefferson feared that the federal government would corrupt a person's religion by interfering with it. The metaphor a wall of eternal separation between Church & State is nothing but a metaphor that has undergone legal application. When metaphors become laws, the meaning of the law is distorted concerning the subject in question. Laws should not be passed or judicially decided based on figures of speech. Thomas Jefferson was conveying the thought that the guarantee of freedom of religion was not written in the *Constitution for the United States of America* to protect the civil state from religion. The constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion was created to protect a free and independent religion from federal control. This was and still is in agreement with the view of all of the Founding Fathers that religion is indispensable for maintaining social order and political well being, without which a country cannot be free.¹⁹

Muslims Malign Christmas and Murder Christians

Muslim religious beliefs come from Muhammad and his dictating of what he said was Allah's commands as he hallucinated and invented them and placed them in the Koran.²⁰ Therefore, Muslims do not believe in Christmas celebrations as a Christian

¹⁹ For a very informative presentation of a wall of eternal separation between Church & State controversy, consult Daniel L. Dreisbach, *Thomas Jefferson and the Wall of Separation Between Church and State*, University Press, New York: 2002.

²⁰ For those readers who read the Koran in English or in another language and have problems understanding it, I suggest that every time the Koran says Allah or the inaccurate translation thereof into God, the reader should substitute the name Muhammad because it is Muhammad who is referring to himself.

observance. In the United States of America and in other democratic republics of the Western World one can convert to any religion based on one's own values. Muslims in the United States have the choice to celebrate Christmas, not because Christmas welcomes everyone to Christ's table, but because Christmas is a holiday.

In the United States of America Muslims have mosques in cities and rural regions of the land. However, it is our constitutional stance concerning freedom of belief that allows the Muslim cult to exist without any hindrance on American soil.²¹ Every time Muslims kill an American or Christian in the name of denouncing Christmas it somehow underscores the irony to the highest degree that the world's poor, hungry, and persecuted are allowed into free America.

The destruction of Christmas by Muslims is representative of Islam. The teachings of Jesus tell us not to judge people based on what they worship but judge them by their deeds. The teachings of Muhammad force people to worship only Muhammad and the moon god Allah. Islamic deeds are not peaceful and they are not tolerant. During the Christmas holidays, people give unconditionally to show they believe in the Birth of Jesus Christ. This is peaceful behavior and tolerance!

Islam wants to attack America's Christmas with fear akin to the same fear instilled by the historical attack on the United States of America on September 11, 2001. So-called not-so-extreme Muslims accept this position silently because they believe that Allah condones the extremists' actions and violent methods that have been used throughout the history of world islamization. Muslims are using the media, television, cable, internet, and global communications to destroy America's Christmas Day. They underscore their hate against Christians and this symbolical day by killing thousands of Christians around the world to show their disdain. However, the reality is that the number of deaths and threats has not slowed down the popularity of Christmas celebrations in the United States and the world. Although Muslims continue to spread death propaganda, Christmas still lives.

A prime and continuing example of Muslim Christian hatred is Iran, where Muslims are killing anyone who is a Christian or converted Christian because Muslims believe

²¹ Americans and particularly American politicians, regardless of party affiliation, accept Islam as a religion and not what is really is: a cult.

such an action is blasphemy against Allah. Muslims attack Christians on Christmas Day to make a point that all people who have different beliefs will be executed or persecuted. The human right to choose one's own religion does not give families in Iran a right to make that choice to convert and still be alive after converting. The cost of being Christian or converting to Christianity in Iran or in any Islamic country is one's life. Muslims have banned any celebration of Christmas in Iran and other Muslim countries because the Islamic clerics and extremists in the government and outside the government have the undisputed control over the country.

In Kokkedal, Denmark in November 2012, citizens and political parties were afraid to put up a Christmas tree in fear of retribution from the local Muslims who do not believe Christmas belongs there.²² The primary Muslim naysayers in Europe and Iran are emulated by Muslim extremists like Abu Sayyaf in the Philippines, ISIL (Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant) in Iraq and Syria, Boko Haram in Nigeria, al-Shabaab in Somalia, and their off-shoots throughout the world. These Muslim jihadists celebrate with Christian killing parties and Barack Hussein Obama has no comment.

Between September 11, 2001 and December 1, 2014, there have been 1202 documented Muslim terror attacks against Christians.²³ The attacks include bombings, beheadings, burning of churches, slashing to death of Christian children and adults, as well as shootings or hangings without any remorse. This is hatred of human beings just because they believe in Christ and Christmas celebrations of the Birth of Jesus Christ. The Muslims try to strike fear in communities to make sure the population or local neighborhood cannot enjoy Christmas. The Muslim goals are to discourage any Christian from trying to convert anyone from any Islamic country.

Northwest Airlines Flight 253 was an international passenger flight from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol in Haarlemmermeer, Netherlands, to Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport in Romulus, Michigan, United States. The flight was the target of a failed al-Qaeda bombing attempt on Christmas Day, December 25, 2009. Although four days later the National Council of Nigerian Muslim Organizations in the United

²² *Muslims ban Christmas tree, then attack journalist for reporting it* at <http://creepingsharia.wordpress.com/2012/11/15/muslims-attack-journalist-for-reporting-on-muslims-banning-christmas-tree/>, accessed on 5 December, 2014.

²³ <http://www.thereligionofpeace.com/pages/christianattacks.htm>, accessed on 5 December 2014.

States of America (NCNMO) issued a statement condemning the attempted bombing of Northwest Airline flight 253 to Detroit, their statement is meaningless because it follows a doctrine of Islam called *al taqiyya* stating that Muslims can conduct any behavior whatever as long as the intent is the furtherance of Islam.²⁴ This is the main reason why statements by any Islamist are not worth the paper upon which they are written or the air needed to breathe out their lies.

The attacks on Christmas by Muslims are warnings that the American way of life and Christianity are enemies of Islam. In November 2014, in Montgomery County School District, Maryland, Muslims forced the schools to abandon Christmas celebrations because these celebrations offended them and Islamic holidays were not on the school district's yearly calendar.²⁵



Source: <http://www.nowtheendbegins.com/pages/obama/obama-ashamed-of-jesus.htm>.

²⁴ <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/nigerian-american-muslims-condemn-attempted-christmas-day-terror-attack-80270562.html>, accessed on December 5, 2014.

²⁵ <http://radio.foxnews.com/toddstarnes/top-stories/school-dumps-christmas-to-appease-muslims.html>; <http://www.thepoliticalinsider.com/muslims-successful-in-banning-christmas-in-maryland-schools-because-offensive/>; <http://qpolitical.com/muslims-get-maryland-school-to-ban-christmas-because-it-offendedthem/>; and [DC News FOX 5 DC WTTG](http://www.dcnnews.com/fox5dc/wttg/), all accessed on December 5, 2014.

The perfect example of a Muslim maligning Christmas and Christians is the behavior of Barack Hussein Obama. During his presidential election campaign in 2008 Barack Hussein Obama claimed to be a Christian.

Already after his election as putative president, with a speech at Georgetown University on April 16, 2009, a reference to Jesus was missing. "Amidst all of the American flags and presidential seals, there was something missing when President Barack Obama gave an economic speech at Georgetown University this week -- Jesus. The White House asked Georgetown to cover a monogram symbolizing Jesus' name in Gaston Hall" where Obama gave his teleprompter-controlled speech.²⁶



Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Jesus-Missing-From-Obamas-Georgetown-Speech.html>.

The Obamas even planned a non-Christian celebration for the holiday season in 2009.²⁷ "When former social secretaries gave a luncheon to welcome Ms. (Desirée) Rogers earlier this year, one participant said, she surprised them by suggesting the Obamas were planning a 'non-religious Christmas' -- hardly a surprising idea for an

²⁶ <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Jesus-Missing-From-Obamas-Georgetown-Speech.html>, accessed on December 5, 2014.

²⁷ http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/06/fashion/06desiree.html?_r=5&pagewanted=1&, accessed on 5 December 2014. Desirée Rogers was the White House Social Secretary under Obama from 2009-2010.

administration making a special effort to reach out to other faiths. The lunch conversation inevitably turned to whether the White House would display its creche, customarily placed in a prominent spot in the East Room. Ms. Rogers, this participant said, replied that the Obamas did not intend to put the manger scene on display -- a remark that drew an audible gasp from the tight-knit social secretary sisterhood."



Mao Zedong glitter ball on the White House Christmas tree.

Source: <http://www.nowtheendbegins.com/images/obama-christmas-ornament.jpg>.



Glitter ball of drag queen Hedda Lettuce, real name Steve Polito,²⁸ on the White House Christmas tree.

Source: <http://www.nowtheendbegins.com/images/obama-christmas-ornament.jpg>.

²⁸ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hedda_Lettuce, accessed on 5 December 2014.

The Obamas did not want a Nativity Scene in the White House. They wanted to project their will on America that Christmas should be neutered, with no religious aspects. The Obamas wanted an inclusive Christmas, i.e., one that would include Muslims. Therefore a Nativity Scene could not be present because that would insult the attending Muslims and their religion – ooops, cult – Islam. A Rasmussen poll proved that 76 percent of Americans were opposed to the Obama view. In an unusual move, Barack Hussein Obama relented and a Nativity Scene was placed in the East Room where it had always been.

In 2012, Barack Hussein Obama and his family achieved revenge by not sending a traditional family Christmas card from the White House. They sent a Holiday Card with an image of Bo the dog and no Christmas tree.



Source: <http://i.huffpost.com/gen/894892/thumbs/o-WHITE-HOUSE-CHRISTMAS-CARD-570.jpg?12>

There is great insult to the American Christmas tradition when the putative president Barack Hussein Obama and his family think more of their dog and relegate Baby Jesus and the American Christmas tradition to nothingness. Typical leftist and Islamist behavior!

The behavior should not surprise the reader. Already in 2006, Barack Hussein Obama stated "Whatever we once were, we are no longer a Christian nation."²⁹ After he became putative president he reasserted this position in a speech in Turkey in 2009.³⁰

²⁹ Vimeo video at <http://www.nowtheendbegins.com/pages/obama/obama-ashamed-of-jesus.htm>, accessed on 5 December 2014.

³⁰ Vimeo video at <http://www.nowtheendbegins.com/pages/obama/obama-ashamed-of-jesus.htm>, accessed on 5 December 2014.

In 2009, Barack Hussein Obama decided against holding a national day of prayer.³¹ Also in 2009, presidential briefings no longer contained Bible verses as an introduction.³² In August 2010, Barack Hussein Obama did not hold a national day of prayer either, yet he hosted a Muslim Ramadan Dinner.³³ Beyond all doubt, the Muslim pos Barack Hussein Obama has no problems with standing up and defending Islam.³⁴

Barack Hussein Obama's claiming that the United States of America is no longer a Christian nation and his attitude towards Christians and Christmas are typical, historical revisionisms that one always finds in socialism-communism and Islam. The unequivocal truth is that the United States of America is a Christian nation based on Judeo-Christian culture, morals, and ethics. Part of this Judeo-Christian tradition is the celebration of Christ's Birth on the symbolical date of 25 December. When Barack Hussein conducts himself in manners that disrespect this celebration, he is undermining the traditions of America. Indeed, regardless of what he does, Barack Hussein Obama is the insult of insults, the traitor of traitors, and the hater of haters to the United States of America, the country's traditions, and the country's citizens. He is only a treacherous lump of which any DemocRAT would be proud.

The final word is that Barack Hussein Obama and his fellow Muslims celebrate Christmas because it is a holiday, not a holy day. Obama says nothing about Muslims destroying the observance of Christmas or their killing of Christians or Jews. In the month of November 2014, Islamic jihadists continued their emulation of Muhammad and killed over 5000 people, including Christians.³⁵ In the words of Pamela Geller, "The West watches and waits. Operation fetal position. Declaring, 'no, they (Muslims) can't do this' (but they do it) or 'they can't do that' (but they do it) or 'it's not Islamic' or 'stamp

³¹ <http://edition.cnn.com/2009/POLITICS/05/06/obama.prayer/index.html>, accessed on 5 December 2014.

³² <http://edition.cnn.com/2009/POLITICS/05/06/obama.prayer/index.html>, accessed on 5 December 2014.

³³ <http://thejakartaglobe.beritasatu.com/archive/barack-obama-to-host-ramadan-dinner-at-the-white-house/390808/>, accessed on 5 December 2014.

³⁴ Vimeo video at <http://www.nowtheendbegins.com/pages/obama/obama-ashamed-of-jesus.htm>, accessed on 5 December 2014. The use of pos here means promoter of socialism, as well as promoter of sharia.

³⁵ <http://pamelageller.com/2014/12/jihadists-slaughter-over-5000-people-in-november-in-iraq.html/>, accessed on 12 December 2014.

out islamophobia and the jihadis will stop killing,' and the band plays on. The slaughter increases. The genocide of Christians and religious minorities spreads. Towns fall. And the West watches and waits. And Obama clicks the heels of his red ruby slippers together three times and says, 'Islam is peace.'"³⁶

The POLDS Pounce on Christmas

POLDS are Progressives, Obots, Liberals, Dumbed-downers, Socialists-communists. It is December, the time of the year when POLDS somewhere attack Christmas daily with verbal vilification of God, Jesus, and the Cross.³⁷ They claim there is no God. They claim God is a myth. They claim Jesus was the first socialist. They argue Jesus was born in an occupied territory that is still occupied. They assert Jesus demands that you accept government control over your life and like Barack Hussein Obama and Muhammad, never accept personal responsibility for anything that goes wrong. Blame it on God. We read POLDS' questions, answers, and statements like

1. Q: What if Mary had taken Plan B after the Lord filled her with his hot, white, sticky Holy Spirit?
A: You'd have to justify your misogyny with another ancient mythology.³⁸
2. The cross must be removed.³⁹
3. Christ was nothing more than a Jewish hippie!⁴⁰

When POLDS say *Happy Holidays*, or *Season's Greetings* it is not hate speech. When a Christian calls POLDS evil, it is hate speech. For POLDS Jesus is "that little baby who

³⁶ <https://pamelageller.com/2014/12/islamic-state-has-a-dirty-bomb-says-british-jihadi-amid-claims-90-lbs-of-uranium-was-taken-from-iraqi-university.html/>, accessed on 5 December 2014.

³⁷ https://archive.org/details/rth_25509101_1200K, accessed on 5 December 2014.

³⁸ <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/219898/unholy-hire/kathryn-jean-lopez>, accessed on 5 December 2014.

³⁹ <http://moralmatters.org/2014/10/29/obamas-hatred-for-christs-cross/>, accessed on 5 December 2014.

⁴⁰ http://www.gnosticliberationfront.com/jesus_christ_was_a_dirty_hippy.htm, accessed on 5 December 2014.

became the dictator.”⁴¹ If the reader does not understand by now, Christmas is the celebration of the Birth of Christ. POLDS have always been chopping off pieces from the American Traditional Christmas. Christmas should be politically correct. Evidently, the POLDS have character problems that can best be described as anti-social personality disorders. The POLD mantra is *What is good for me is good for you. If you think otherwise, you are wrong and you must be re-educated.* It is the same illogic as Islam! This is POLDS (and Islamic) control at its zenith, which is what the POLDS' educational philosophy of Common Core is. Of course, POLDS are tolerant, but only of other POLDS.

In 2002, New York City banned the presence of Nativity Scenes in the public school system. Non-religious symbols such as the decorated winter tree and menorahs were allowed. However, the true denigration is that the Muslim crescent moon and star were allowed to be displayed.⁴² The crescent moon is the symbol of the moon god *Sin* (interesting name!) in the Mesopotamian mythology of Akkadia, Assyria, and Babylonia. The star derives from the Sumerian *Inanna* or the Akkadian *Ištar*, which is the goddess of love, fertility, and ... exceedingly important to Islam: warfare!

The progressive, obots, liberals, dumbed-downers, socialists-communists try to destroy American Christmas using the political culture to push their agenda. They present ideas of American advancement and exceptionalism disguised as socialist agendas while attacking the foundation of America's Biblical history. The POLDS have no regard for Christmas or Christians. POLDS are truly the face of communism disguised by their well-spoken-reading-from-teleprompters political figure with freedom to travel from America to foreign lands at taxpayers' expense. POLDS try to impose their communist ways into the fabric of the United States pretending to be protectors of religious freedoms, or voting for political freedom for an atheist to enjoy the rights of posting highway signs in support of atheism, or voting to allow a downtown sign that promotes hate in order to gain steam in the judicial system. POLDS will attempt to use any judicial, legal, or political avenue to destroy the American Christmas belief.

⁴¹ <http://www.ff.org/the-lefts-christmas-hate-speech/> , accessed on 5 December 2014.

⁴² <http://www.nytimes.com/2002/12/11/nyregion/lawsuit-attacks-schools-ban-on-nativity-scenes.html>, accessed on 6 December 2014.

There is another technique used by the POLDS regarding the destruction of the American Christmas holiday. They use laws involving the *Constitution* to bring forth damaging accusations under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to attempt destruction within our own political system. The argument as far as the First Amendment to the *Constitution* is concerned is that which we encountered above regarding Thomas Jefferson's wall of separation metaphor. The reasoning behind using the Fourteenth Amendment to nullify Christmas is the statement that "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens . . . nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." POLDS argue that the presence of Christmas Nativity Scenes or Christmas trees, etc, abridges a citizen's privilege and that their presence does not provide citizens with equal protection of the laws.

As of this writing there are demonstrations in major cities such as Berkeley, Chicago, Miami, Washington, D.C., New York City, and Boston. In protest against the non-indictment of a New York City Police officer who allegedly caused the death of Eric Garner, an African American New York City resident, there are cries to "set that f**king tree on fire".⁴³ Evidently, race baiters do not want to realize or are incapable of realizing that Eric Garner was not choked to death by the New York City policeman, as they have asserted. "The diabetic and grossly overweight Garner died of cardiac arrest in the ambulance, not strangulation at the arrest scene. The video does not show that he was confronted because business owners had called the police for help in keeping Garner from harassing their customers, that he was out of jail on bail from a previous arrest, that he was a felon who had been arrested 31 times, that the officer in charge at the scene was also black."⁴⁴ In Boston, Massachusetts on December 4, POLDS made similar protests, without knowing or wanting to know the truth behind Eric Garner's arrest and death. The crux of the matter is that the POLDS use the Christmas

⁴³ <http://twitchy.com/2014/12/03/set-that-fin-tree-on-fire-protesters-plan-to-shut-down-rockefeller-center-tree-lighting/>, accessed on 6 December 2014. The tree is the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree.

⁴⁴ Mr. Garner repeatedly said that he could not breathe. However, if he could not breathe, he could not have said he could not breathe. <http://www.colony14.net/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/december2014.pdf>, accessed on 8 December 2014.

celebrations for their vitriolic demonstrations because it is the time of the year that will assure them wide media coverage of their protesting.⁴⁵

The true intention of the POLDS is to convince Americans and the world that Christmas is evil by undermining the United States as a country founded on Christianity. In essence, this is the same modus operandi as that used by Muslim organizations in the United States of America and their creeping sharia movement. The underlying goal is to discredit the United States with misinformation, fear, and legal wizardry pointed at discrediting the Christmas foundation as coming from the Birth of Jesus Christ. It is a sign of the downfall of Western Civilization's Judeo-Christian religious heritage.

Conclusive Message: Glad Tidings of Comfort and Joy

In recent years Christmas carols have been banned in some public schools and public environments to prevent the spreading of the celebration of Jesus' Birth and the Christmas message. Since 1993 there have been eleven famous lawsuits challenging the celebration of Christmas.⁴⁶ A most recent threat came to Piedmont, Alabama from the Freedom From Religion Foundation based in Wisconsin. The small Appalachian town wanted to have the 2014 Christmas parade under the motto *Keep Christ in Christmas*. Andrew Seidel, a lawyer for The Freedom From Religion Foundation sent the mayor, Bill Baker, a letter telling him that the theme "alienates non-Christians and others in Piedmont who do not in fact have a 'strong belief in prayers' by turning them into political outsiders in their own community." "The sentiment of 'Keeping Christ in Christmas' does not qualify as a secular celebration." Piedmont had to find a "more appropriate, more inclusive, and constitutional theme".⁴⁷ The town changed the theme of the parade. The citizens marched carrying signs that read *Let's Keep Christ in Christmas*. Evidently, the participants in the Christmas parade did not protest against

⁴⁵ <http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2014/12/04/protest-planned-christmas-tree-lighting-common/875sx4ZA1JcHliKte9UyCJ/story.html>, accessed on 8 December 2014.

⁴⁶ Ostling, Richard (December 1, 2005). *Have Yourself a Merry Little Lawsuit This Season*. *Buffalo Law Journal* 77 (96): pp. 1–4; and <http://mentalfloss.com/article/54159/11-times-holidays-resulted-fa-la-la-lawsuit>, accessed on 4 December 2014.

⁴⁷ The letter from the Freedom From Religion Foundation is in pdf form at <http://ffrf.org/images/PiedmontALChristmasParade.pdf>, accessed on 8 December 2014.

the term *Xmas*, but were making statements that it is important to place emphasis on Christ's Birth, without which there is no salvation for the world.⁴⁸

The destruction of Christmas has been shirked as only propaganda that can never stop the delivery of the Christmas story and message in the United States of America. American atheists have reached their zenith of becoming involved in the separation of church and state controversy with the so-named *Wager of War on Christianity* Michael L. (Mikey) Weinstein, the founder of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) who has been engaged by the Pentagon to cleanse the United States military of all actions and references to religion.⁴⁹ Mr. Weinstein seems to have no qualms with Islam.⁵⁰ Yet, Islam continues to have more than qualms with the West, particularly at Christmas time when Christians all over the world are undertaking flights to their homeland so that they can be with their families. Al-Qaeda knows this is and acts accordingly by planning to blow up international passenger planes.⁵¹

Atheists allow their children to celebrate Christmas because it is a joyous time of the year. Concurrently, atheists contend that the true meaning of Christmas is the commercialization of the children's holiday. Muslims allow their children to take part in non-Christian religious aspects of Christmas because it is a holiday. POLDS allow their children to partake of Christmas celebrations because they like to have fun and degrade Christmas while frolicking.⁵²

It is clear that atheists, Muslims, and POLDS are out to destroy Christmas in order to eradicate the salvation of the Birth of Jesus Christ. The techniques of the bombings, the slandering, the political attacks, and the threatening propaganda are becoming more

⁴⁸ <http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2014/12/04/town-told-to-keep-christ-out-christmas-parade/>, accessed on 8 December 2014.

⁴⁹ Ken Klukowski, *Pentagon Taps Anti-Christian Extremist for Religious Tolerance Policy* at <http://fellowshipoftheminds.com/2013/04/28/christianity-to-be-outlawed-in-us-military/>, accessed on 4. December 2014.

⁵⁰ <http://www.christiannewswire.com/news/38272018.html>, accessed on 4. December 2014.

⁵¹ <http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/541725/REVEALED-AI-Qaeda-plot-to-blow-up-5-European-passenger-jets-in-Christmas-spectacular>, accessed on 8 December 2014.

⁵² For some truthful irony concerning atheists, liberals, and humanists (POLDS), read <http://www.ecumenicalnews.com/article/atheists-humanists-liberals-say-they-are-targeted-as-minority-by-hate-campaigns-27491>, accessed on 10. December 2014.

and more sophisticated with the goal of destroying the Christmas celebrations. In addition, they are using the same constitutional rights that made the United States of America a great country. As a result, new interpretations of constitutional law by liberal judges appointed by Democrat Party presidents provide legal justification for their assaults. The liberal, Democratic Party rules of law as decided by liberal judges in their pro-atheist, pro-Islam, and pro-POLDS decisions are undermining this great country.

The POLDS try to destroy American Christmas through the American legal system. The Muslims try death, bombs, and terrorism to kill Christians, Christmas Day and Christianity as a whole. The seculars are using propaganda aimed at commercialization as the primary reason Americans celebrate the Christmas holiday. The destruction of the Christmas celebration has endured and will continue to endure to the end of time.

The atheists believe in lucky stars of which for them the Star of Bethlem is not one. This is not the Christmas message. The POLDS most likely believe in Father Frost.⁵³ This is not the Christmas message. The Muslims believe in an evil cult created by an epileptic, illiterate psychopath who convinced his gullible followers that what came out of his fits was the word of Allah.⁵⁴ This is not the message of Christmas. The message of Christmas is



Source: http://www.pictures88.com/p/christianity/christianity_007.jpg

⁵³ *Väterchen Frost* or Father Frost is the figure of Santa Claus adopted by the Communist Parties of Eastern Europe during the Cold War to substitute for Santa Claus and the Christ Child who are the major bringers of gifts during Christmas time. The origin is a Russian fairy tale *Ded Moroz*. Father Frost brings the children presents at New Year's celebrations. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ded_Moroz; <http://www.nachrussland.de/ma/frost.html>, and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JB_h4Pc7D1Q, in German, all accessed on 8 December 2014.

⁵⁴ Muhammad. Read F. W. Burleigh, *It's All About Muhammad*, Zenga Books, Portland, Oregon: 2014, passim.

A combined prayer for everybody this Christmas is:

Gracious, loving and merciful God, on this Christmas Eve, as the light of your Word penetrates our hearts, as we are reminded of the gift of life and faith, as the glories of the heavenly hosts are echoed in our church, we open ourselves up to your Spirit and give you thanks. We are grateful, Lord Jesus, that your story has become our story, and we celebrate your birth.

Continue, we pray, to instill in us a profound sense of your abiding presence, and help us to take to heart the wonder of your love, that we may walk in your ways and delight in your will.

Help us, Lord God, to be the faithful, gracious, loving, giving and forgiving people you would have us be.⁵⁵

Protestants, Jews and Catholics have God, morality, and religion in common. In the name of God, let us – Jews, Protestants, and Catholics – do two things: 1. Realize that an attack upon one is an attack upon all, since we are all one in God; it is not tolerance we need, but charity; not forbearance but love. 2. Begin doing something about religion, and the least we can do is say our prayers; to implore God's blessings upon the world and our country; to thank Him for His blessings; and to become illumined in the fullness of His truth. There is entirely too much talk about religion and not enough action.⁵⁶

In the name of Jesus Christ I pray, Amen!



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December 15, 2014

⁵⁵ *Opening Prayer for Christmas Eve Service* by Rev. Dr. Sean B. Murray at http://www.thoughts-about-god.com/christmas/christmas_prayers.htm, accessed on 8 December 2014.

⁵⁶ <http://www.praymorenovenas.com/fulton-sheen-novena/#ixzz3LCsHbV8O>, accessed on 8 December 2014.