

## What Holiday Is This?

Check the name of the official U.S. and Virginia government holiday every 25<sup>th</sup> of December. It's called 'CHRISTmas'. Whoa, what about that separation of church and state? What about being multi-cultural? Celebrating diversity? Sensitivity to anyone who may be hyper-sensitive? At least the government schools have it politically correct. They let the kids go for 'Winter Holiday' or 'Winter Break'. In the terrible old days, this same school holiday was called 'CHRISTmas' vacation. What Holiday is this – Winter? The Holidays? The Feast of Saturnalia? CHRISTmas?

Words make such a difference. If you can name it, you can claim it. If it's just The Holidays, then it's a shopping orgy for commercial gain wrapped in wonderful sentimentality for family, friends and perfect past times that never were. Likewise for Winter break, it's just an old pagan feast and fun times at the solstice dressed up in modern clothes and customs. The name CHRISTmas, the second holiest day on the Christian calendar, puts a Christian claim on a national, state, and local holiday

That's the real story. The overwhelming Christian majority of a democratic republic voted itself a holiday for a holy day. Actually, since states were sovereign until 1865, there was no need for the Federal government to declare a holiday until 1870. The states had it covered. Just as the most holy day of all – Easter – was celebrated as a holiday in every state. There was no need for a redundant annual holiday for the actual Easter, because Sundays were already celebrated, every Sunday, as a holy day in the law. The effect of Easter, not the date, made for a weekly holy day recognized by American governments. Remember Virginia's Blue Laws on what you could and couldn't do on Sundays?

Wow, it looks like the Christian majority just shoved its religion down the throat of non-believers by making another holy day holiday with this 25<sup>th</sup> of December thing.

Way to go, Founders! Way to go faithful public servants of yesterday.

Way to put the culture into the proper perspective. Way to recognize that the United States is based on one culture and one culture alone. Way to understand the moral-ethical basis of the (formerly) consensus values is Judeo-Christian. Yes, those Ten Commandments the judges are throwing out of public places are the very basis of our Constitution and all laws – until liberal judges rule them unconstitutional. Way to have the courage to honor the key reason for American Civilization being precisely what it is – Christian thinking – Christian beliefs.

America is One Nation Under God and In God We Trust. Neither statement is about a generic 'higher power'. Neither statement is a claim on the monotheism of Islam or the pantheism of other religions. Islam is the foundation of a civilization. Hinduism and Buddhism are the foundations of civilizations. But, Christianity is the foundation of American Civilization. America's claims are on the God of the Christians and Jews who won the Revolution, created a nation and kept it intact until the Second American Civil War (ACW II), the Great U.S. Culture War, began in the 1960s. Yet, specifically because of this foundation and its uniquely specific English, Protestant, Enlightenment branch of thought in 1776, America welcomes people of all faiths and no faith as full-fledged citizens. Civilizations based on other religions are not so tolerant.

Presently, the Liberals are winning the war of words to name and claim holidays. No public official is trying to change every calendar and public pronounced mention of vacations, holidays, or season to the official name lingering in the legal code. None dare call it 'CHRISTmas'. What a testimony to their courage, their personal walk in faith, and their intellectual and historical honesty. Maybe Chief Justice Moore in Alabama might do it. Yet, many public officials make pronouncements on the sham holiday called Kwanzaa. A holiday based on race. A holiday wholly manufactured, quite recently, from thin air and thinner history by a wife-beating leftist. What is wrong with this picture?

Is Kwanzaa mentioned in our government schools? A racially divisive holiday should be ignored. Is CHRISTmas even mentioned by name? Is the history of CHRISTmas in America taught proportionately to its impact (85% of Americans claim to be Christian) or is equal time given to faiths of less than equal influence on American Civilization? Is Kwanzaa treated as a co-equal holiday?

What Holiday is this in public places, in businesses and in your heart? I claim the name hidden in the old official holiday – CHRISTmas. If you know 'what child is this?', then you really know what holiday is this.

Merry CHRISTmas America.

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