

Christmas, also called Christ's Mass, Yule, Yule Tide and Xmas is celebrated by Christians around the world. Also, non-Christians celebrate, but usually focus on the secular traditions of this holiday. December 25<sup>th</sup> is traditionally considered the birth date of Jesus (but is also December 24<sup>th</sup> in some countries).

## Christmas Time Bliss



The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each others' burdens, easing other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas. -- W. C. Jones

It is fun, exciting and so incredibly magical! Christmas is approaching, Santa is coming to town and a New Year is upon us. What a wonderful time of year!

Like a child, I eagerly wait with excitement for the Holiday Season. My anticipation increases from the time the stores begin promoting Christmas decorations and gifts, houses and streets start glowing with festive lights, Santa arrives in the malls and the tree is decorated for the wonderful season ahead. The Holiday Season is my favorite time of year and the world is made more beautiful!

Hundreds of millions of people all around the world celebrate Christmas. Each country and individual has its own set of beliefs and traditions yet it is an occasion that unites people all across the world.

Christmas is one special day, one joyous event celebrated

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The "winter festival" was often the most popular festival of the year in many ancient cultures. Part of the reason was that winter often meant that there was less work (think agriculture) to be done. Also, people expected longer days and shorter nights after the winter solstice. Many of the important gods had birthdays in December, too.

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without selfishness and unkindness, bringing families and friends closer together and uniting the world as one. For one day out of the year problems, stress and work are put to the back of our minds, peace encompasses us and other important matters such as family and friends are celebrated and cherished.

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For me, the Holiday Season is a time of reflection of the years gone by and the year that is so close to nearing an end. During the holidays I reflect on memories of Christmas past, of people who have come and gone throughout my life, of family I see less often who are near to my heart, and of those who have made a difference in my life. Without these special people I would not be who I am today.

It is the Season to be jolly and to be thankful for all that we have. It is a time when we appreciate the people who make up our lives.

People everywhere search for the perfect gifts for loved ones, friends and business associates that have become a part of their lives. Giving a special gift, sending a holiday gift basket or thank you gift basket is a way of conveying your appreciation to the special people who give meaning to your life.

Throughout the Holiday Season love, joy and goodwill come over us like magic and the spirit of giving is all around us. Oh, the sights and sounds of Christmas bring back feelings and memories that envelope the season in a wonderful kind of magic. If only it could be Christmas all year round!