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Merry Christmas (and Boxing Day)

The core Winter Christian celebration

Christmas, celebrated on **December 25th** each year, is more than a holiday marked by twinkling lights, festive feasts, and gift-giving...

... it symbolises the embodiment of Western cultural values, rooted in Christian traditions that have shaped the civilisations of Europe and the Americas, along with parts of Africa and is still celebrated by those ever-dwindling numbers of Christians in the Middle East for over 2000 years since the birth of Jesus Christ.

Christmas, named after Jesus - a figure symbolising hope, redemption, and selfless love - has evolved into a cultural cornerstone that aligns seamlessly with the ideals of liberty, community, generosity, and faith that define the West.

It has however, been heavily commercialised the past 100 years or so, but it remains at its core a time to celebrate the love and charity which Jesus was known for.



Decorating trees at **Christmas** is one of the holiday's most cherished traditions, blending ancient symbolism with Christian meaning and festive joy.

And interestingly, the practice has deep roots in pre-Christian customs.

Long before **Christmas**, ancient cultures celebrated the winter solstice - which is usually the darkest time of the year - by using evergreen plants and branches.

Evergreens like fir, pine, and spruce stay green even in harsh winter, symbolizing eternal life, renewal, and hope amid death-like cold and darkness.

Ancient Egyptians, Romans during Saturnalia, Celtic Druids, and Vikings all decorated with evergreens to ward off evil spirits, honor gods, and mark the promise of spring's return.

Boxing Day is a public holiday observed on **December 26th** (the day after Christmas Day) in many countries, but most notably Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and some other Commonwealth nations.

Despite its name, it has nothing to do with the sport of boxing...

... with the most widely accepted explanation traces the term "**Boxing Day**" back to the Middle Ages in Britain. Where "poor boxes" were said to be installed outside Churches or other community buildings, with discarded gifts placed within, and/or offered to those less fortunate.

In modern times: Boxing Day is a relaxed, post-Christmas holiday rooted in generosity and community - a day to give back, enjoy leftovers, watch sports, or hunt for bargains.

Merry Christmas everyone.



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