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Jesus' Birthday

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Jesus' Birthday has become a secular carnival of excess spending, waste, greed, and hypocrisy.

What ever happened to the inspirational Christmases of yesterday with their simple family gatherings, their moving church services, their pretty hand-made ornaments, and the spirit of giving to the less fortunate?

How could something so wonderful as the beautiful and miraculous birth of the Christchild in a rustic stable over two thousand years ago have turned into a festival of material lust?

If Jesus were born today, the Star of Bethlehem would not even be visible due to smog and light pollution. The stable owner would see a money-making opportunity and would sell tickets to anyone wishing to see the Baby Jesus. Filmmakers would try to buy the rights to film Mary and Joseph as they fled to Egypt. Instead of receiving only a few simple gifts, Jesus would be inundated with gifts from companies hoping for endorsements of their products. The family would be put up in a big name hotel for the publicity it would bring, diaper companies would fight over who could provide Jesus with the biggest supply of diapers and Mary would be hounded by baby food manufacturers who would want her to report that Jesus preferred their brand of pabulum over another brand.

Jesus' Birthday and the Christmas Season must be made simple days of worship, meditation, relaxation, and family togetherness.

HOW THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED:

1. Protest the erecting of any Christmas decorations before December 12.
2. Recycle any Christmas gift catalog received before December 12 without opening it.
3. Resolve to purchase only one or two presents for each family member or special friends and stick to it.
4. Talk to your Priest or Pastor about delivering a message of what Jesus would want good Christians to do during the Christmas Season, which should never begin before December 12.
5. Take your children to help feed the hungry, provide shelter to the homeless, visit the sick and infirm, and sing carols to the elderly.

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6. Teach your children the blessings of giving to the less fortunate rather than developing a greed lust for more and more presents for themselves.
7. If you hear your local radio station play Christmas music before December 12, call them and protest.
8. Let your local merchants know that you do not want to be inundated with Christmas advertisements, music and decorations when you are shopping during Thanksgiving.
9. Purchase or build a simple Nativity scene and use simple hand-made decorations in your home, church, or place of business.

Jesus' Birthday and the Christmas Season must not be allowed to continue as a festival of greed and commerce.

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