

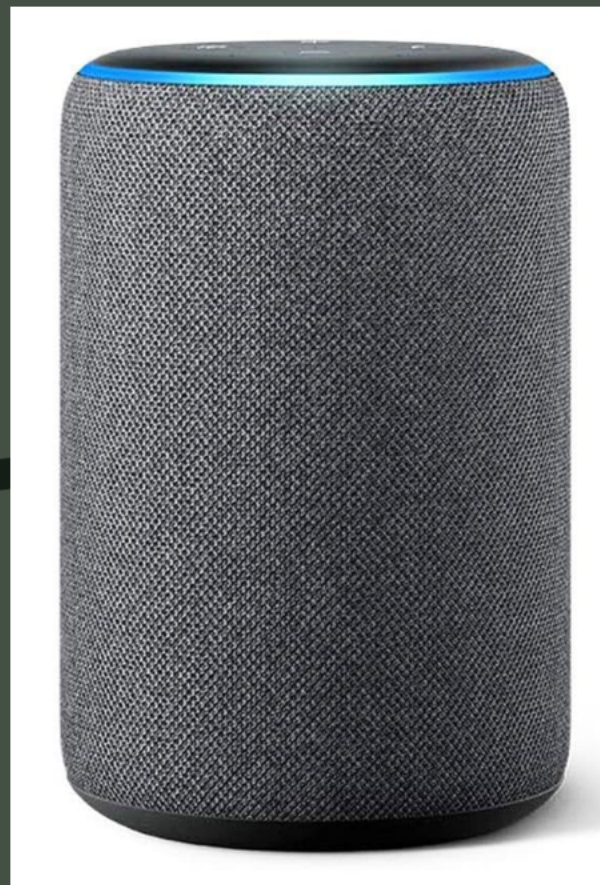


Christmas Eve

**"IRRELIGIFICATION
OF CHRISTMAS"**

**"ALEXA, PLAY
CHRISTMAS MUSIC."**

**"PLAYING HOLIDAY
PLAYLIST"**



An Evolving Holiday

19TH CENTURY GEAR




**4TH CENTURY
'APPROPRIATION'**



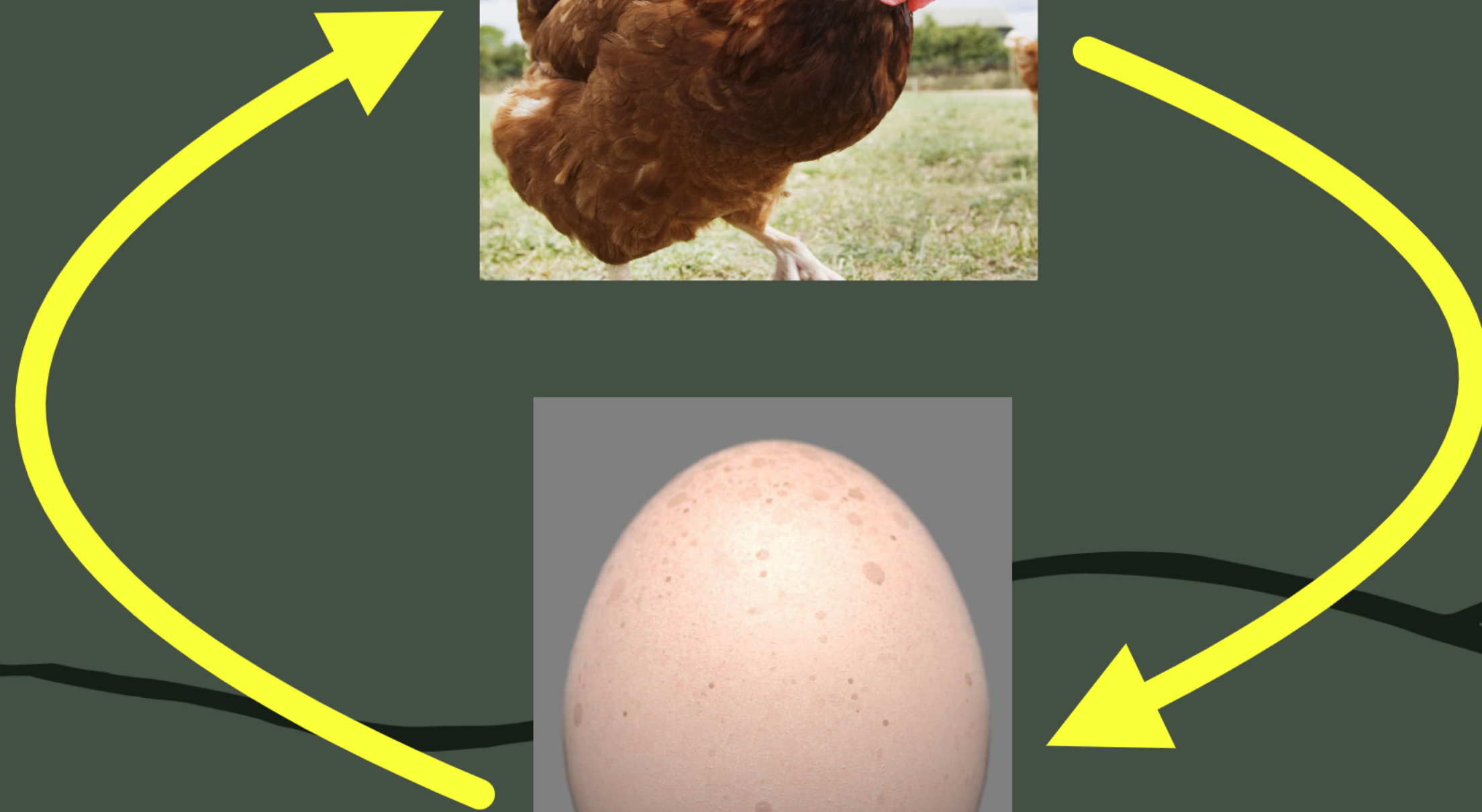
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Where did Dec 25th come from?

AND WHAT DOES THE ANSWER MEAN FOR US?



Dec 25th?

*THE TRUTH IS MORE COMPLICATED
THAN FICTION...AND CONSPIRACY.*



*AURELIAN – 274 AD
NEW TEMPLE
NEW PRIESTHOOD
NEW FESTIVAL*

*CLEMENT ~ 200 AD?
HIPPOLYTUS ~ 200 AD
THEOPHILUS ~ 200 AD
DONATISTS 312 AD*

So, where did this theory come from?

'IF IT'S CATHOLIC
IT'S BAD.'




'I KNEW MY PARENTS
WERE FOOLS.'



'WHY THE 25TH
INSTEAD OF
THE 6TH?'

What we know:

- *CHRISTIAN DATE IS INDEPENDENT OF PAGAN*
 - *SOL INVICTUS AND CHRISTMAS MET IN ROME*
 - *CONSTANTINE CHANGED THE IMPERIAL ALLEGEANCE FROM SOL INVICTUS TO CHRIST BY 325 AD, AFTER NICEA. (SEE COINS)*
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So was Jesus Born
on December 25th
or NOT?!?!?!?!?



*Answer:
Maybe. Decent chance.*

PROBABLY EITHER: DEC 25TH OR SEPT 11TH.

SEPTEMBER 11: "IAN PAUL TIME OF YEAR"

PRO DECEMBER 25TH: DEC25TH.INFO

3 Spiritual Lessons:

(THEN I PROMISE WE'LL SING SILENT NIGHT)



1.

*Know the
Foundation*

Know the difference

- *GOSPEL – THE MINIMAL REVEALED CONTENT*
 - *CREED – A SUMMARY OF DIRECT REVELATION*
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- *THEOLOGY – EXTRAPOLATION AND APPLICATION*
 - *RITUAL – EMBODIMENT AND INCULCATION*

Gospel and Creed

- *JESUS WAS BORN IN 'FULLNESS OF TIME'*
- *HE IS THE THEANTHROPOS (GOD MAN)*
- *BORN OF MARY, A VIRGIN*
- *GOD SEES AND USES GODLINESS*
- *GOD DRAWS THE DISTANT- MAGI*
- *GOD UPLIFTS THE BELIEVING POOR*



2.

*Man made Rituals
and Celebrations
can be good*

Colossians 2:16-17

THEREFORE **DO NOT LET ANYONE JUDGE YOU** BY WHAT YOU EAT OR DRINK, OR **WITH REGARD TO A RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL**, A NEW MOON CELEBRATION OR A SABBATH DAY. THESE ARE A SHADOW OF THE THINGS THAT WERE TO COME; THE REALITY, HOWEVER, IS FOUND IN CHRIST.

Romans 14:4-6

WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE SOMEONE ELSE'S SERVANT?
TO HIS OWN MASTER HE STANDS OR FALLS...**ONE
MAN CONSIDERS ONE DAY MORE SACRED THAN
ANOTHER**; ANOTHER MAN CONSIDERS EVERY DAY
ALIKE. EACH ONE SHOULD BE FULLY CONVINCED IN
HIS OWN MIND. **HE WHO REGARDS ONE DAY AS
SPECIAL, DOES SO TO THE LORD...** FOR HE GIVES
THANKS TO GOD; AND HE WHO ABSTAINS, DOES SO
TO THE LORD AND GIVES THANKS TO GOD.

*JESUS CELEBRATED
BOTH PURIM
AND HANUKKAH.*



*BOTH ARE MAN MADE
TRADITIONS
CELEBRATING GOD'S
SAVING ACTS.*



3.

*The Scandal
is Jesus*

*Why wasn't
Christ-mas
a bigger deal before
the 4th century?*

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Historical reasons:

- *JEWISH FESTIVALS WERE THE FOCUS*
- *MARTYR'S DEATHS WERE CELEBRATED*
- *BIRTHDAYS WERE CONSIDERED PAGAN VANITY*
- *IT WAS HARD TO CELEBRATE THINGS DURING PERSECUTION (ENDED 310 AD)*



(DIOCLETIAN WAS SAID TO HAVE BURNED CHRISTIANS ALIVE IN A CHURCH ON CHRISTMAS)

Theological Reasons:

- *CONTROVERSY GREW AROUND HOW CHRIST WAS HUMAN AND DIVINE- DIVINE WAS ERASING HUMAN*
- *SO PEOPLE FOCUSED ON WHAT MADE HIM HUMAN*
- *THIS LED TO INTEREST IN MARY AS THE "MOTHER OF GOD" (THEOTOKOS) AND THE NATIVITY*

*Jesus
the God-Man
is the scandal*

