

ONE THING THE SECULARIST OUGHT TO BE WILLING TO SAY AT CHRISTMAS TIME

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The secularist appears to favor a “Winter Holiday” instead of a celebration of Christmas. Hard core secularist apparently support the removal of all Christian symbols, songs and sacraments from the public square. Therefore it is not surprising that at this time of the year the secularist is more comfortable saying “Happy Holiday” or “Merry Wintertime.”

Nevertheless, here is something for the secularist to think about during this time of the year.

Secularism promotes racial equality and compassion for all people. It was Jesus who gave us the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Secularism maintains that parents ought to be kind, understanding, forgiving, and inclusive when dealing with their children, even when they have broken all the rules. It was Jesus who gave us the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Secularism supports Amber laws and affirms that children ought to be protected from adults who might prey upon them, and believes that society should hand down harsh sentences to those who may dare to do so. It was Jesus who said “Woe be unto anyone who harms one of these little ones. It would be better for them to have had a millstone hung about their necks and be drown in the sea.”

Secularism agrees that those who have more than they need ought to be willing to share with those who are less fortunate, and that society ought to share its wealth equally. It was Jesus who taught that it was more blessed to give than to receive.

Secularism suggests that the courts of law ought to be merciful when warranted by special circumstance. It was Jesus who said that the merciful would likewise obtain mercy.

Secularism promotes the idea that everyone ought to be given a change to start over, and that no matter how far a person may have fallen they should be treated with respect as a fellow human being. It was Jesus who reached out to the woman at the well.

Secularism supports social welfare programs that alleviate human suffering. It was Jesus who said “Come unto me all ye that are burdened and heavy laden and I will give you rest.”

Secularism believes in the goal of world peace. It was Jesus who said “Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the sons of God.”

Secularism teaches that murder is wrong. Jesus taught us that not only is murder wrong, but that the root of murder is also wrong...anger and hatred against another.

Secularism suggests that the United States ought to try harder to get along with its enemies. It was Jesus who taught us to love our enemies.

Secularism affirms that personal greed and too much stress associated with trying to have it all is bad for a person. It was Jesus who said “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth.”

Secularism teaches that it's wrong to be a judgmental person. It was Jesus who said “Do not judge or you too will be judged.”

Secularism believes we should feed the hungry. It was Jesus who fed the 5,000.

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Secularism says we ought to all love one another. It was Jesus who taught that we were to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Secularism suggests that too many rules and regulations can stifle a person's freedom of expression. It was Jesus who said of Sabbath laws, that man was not made for the Sabbath, but the Sabbath was made for man.

Secularism assumes that most churches are filled with hypocrites. Jesus cleared the Temple on two occasions, and declared that its true purpose was to be a place where ordinary people could meet with God.

Secularism promotes the idea that the hard working middle class laborer makes just as important a contribution to society as the business tycoon. It was Jesus who pointed out the true value of the widow and her tiny offering of less than a penny.

In fact, just about everything that the secularism teaches concerning freedom, personal rights, and social justice is connected in one way or another to Jesus. The ancient empires of Egypt, Babylon, the Medes and the Persians gave us none of these things. The Greeks philosophized about them, but could not pass them along to the next generation. The Romans took what they learned from the Greeks, and applied some of these truths to their society but denied them to the masses, and were powerless to create a code that would guarantee them for all men. The Roman Church-State abused them, Monarchies reserved them for the favored few, Communism, Socialism, Fascism, and Nazism denied them to the masses, and even democracy has been unable to make good its noble aim to guarantee them to all the people.

The most prolific Promoter of these noble, high and lofty ideals was Jesus of Nazareth.

Christmas is the celebration of His birth. The secularist need not say His is Divine, need not say His is the Saviour of the world, need not say He was literally raised from the dead, and need not say he believes that He will return to earth. But there is one thing that the secularist ought to be willing to say at Christmas time. The secularist ought to be willing to say "Thank you Jesus."

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from the Directors,
Administration, Staff, Professors
and Department Heads, we wish
you a wonderful season in
celebration and remembrance of
the one who is *Joy to the World...*
our Lord Jesus, the Christ!

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