SEASONS GREETINGS HAVE BEEN SAID MANY TIMES, IN MANY WAYS.

Christmas is

and always

has been a time of

chivalry, reaping, and

sharing. The Giving of

Yourself to help others in

Appreciation of the

Gift of Life

a time of reflection.

Every year the Sun, which is the nucleus of this solar system, appears to stop moving. It is at the end of its cycle and is at rest, in peace for 3 days.

This is commonly and scientifically known as the "Winter Solstice" which begins on December 22nd. Three days later, on December 25th, the Sun begins movement and is considered "air-born again".

This is a true cycle of occurrence that repeats itself religiously and relentlessly every year, without fail. Nature and Science is evidence of Gods' Miracles.

The sharing of this information is the truth void of opinions, and prejudices, and can be observed by all Universally.

This Winter Solstice, God invites you to take notice, during the day or night, of the stillness in the air during the 3 day cycle of the Winter Solstice. At the completion of the Solstice when the Sun is born again, it will begin to fertilize during the long nights of winter, in harmony with the universe, all that the earth has recycled, during the fall season. All that is deemed regenerative will be born again in the Spring.

Thus proof of everlasting life and the significance of the Evergreen (Christmas) Tree. Herein until the New Year, your deeds and seeds of thought will also be fertilized and waiting to come forth at the Vernal Equinox of Spring—Natures Natural New Year.

Peace On Earth To Men of Good Will. May The New Year Bring You Abundance

Merry Christmas

Happy Hannukkah

Feliz Navidad

Happy Kwanzaa

Seasons Greetings

Happy Winter Solstice



Documentary Researching Christmas on T.V.



Saint Maurice in the Cathedral of Magdeburg, Magdeburg, Germany, next to the grave of Otto I, Holy Roman Emperor*. The cathedral is actually named "cathedral of Saints Catherine and Maurice" after Saint Maurice and Saint Catherine of Alexandria.

The sculpture was created around 1250, and is considered to be the first realistic depiction of an ethnic african in Europe. Unfortunately, the figure is no longer complete and misses the lower legs and an item in the right hand, presumably a lance.

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*Note: The 'Holy' Roman Empire refers to Moors, not to be confused with the Roman Empire.

A special documentary came on Television regarding the history of Christmas. To our surprise, they mentioned how the Colonist celebrated it as the Winter Solstice, a festive event, in tune with the natural celestial vibration (celebration). Through the years, they became so unruly with this celebration that it was steered in-doors as an effort to tone it down and keep the over-indulgences out of the public eye. This then, is how it became a more personal 'family' celebration, where it appears drinking and being Merry is acceptable behavior.

The documentary also talked about how they purposely changed the image of what appeared to be the Christmas elf, which seemed to be more of a grimace shadow, into a jolly, red-cheeked, over-weight European with a pipe in his mouth. Then they called this made-up figure St. Nicholas, later to be referred to as Santa Claus (Dutch). We found that the original grimacing shadow was the reminding image of "Old Man Winter, 'Father Time', Chronos, Saturn, or otherwise lack of proper planning (planting). Saturn is the planetary energy highlighted during the coming winter months. Of course if you live in Tropical climates, you would celebrate the "Summer Solstice", which is the exact occurrence of the Winter Solstice, and the Sun, as it relates to the earth. The purpose of the grim shadow is that (whether in tropical climate or not), if you have not planted anything at all as seeds for growth, nothing will grow in your garden. Things could then become very grim and cast a shadow over your life. We are all products of nature and our thoughts are our seeds for planting. The Moon (feminine energy) is required for growth no matter where you are on the planet, and represent the conception of things, be it seeds of thought, of the womb, or of fruit and plants.

Our further research led us to St. Maurice, who every year at the end of the 3-day Winter Solstice (December 25th), would give gifts to people, as a reminder of the celebration of life, according to the fact that the Sun has risen after an apparent 3-days of rest (which happens at the winter and the summer solstice), and continues to bring life to the planet earth, the vegetation and all of its inhabitants. The idea of giving gifts came from St. Maurice, a fellow brethren Moor. A Statue of St. Maurice sits in the Cathedral of Magdeburg in Germany today.

St. Maurice is Saint of Coburg, Germany



St. Maurice (right) speaking to St. Erasmus. Many have, in error, depicted Saints as European. Saint Maurice gives his name to the town St. Moritz as well as to numerous places called Saint-Maurice in French speaking countries.

"Meeting of Saint Erasmus of Formiae and Saint Maurice" by Matthias Gr<u>ünewald</u> (1517-23), Alte Pinakothek. Grünewald used Albert of Mainz, who commissioned the painting, as the model for St. Erasmus.

