

Happy Holidays

As 2008 comes to a close, we at TriOpus Group want to thank our clients, partners and friends for another wonderful year. We wish you all the best this season brings, and a healthy, peaceful and prosperous new year. May the joy you feel during the holidays stay with you throughout 2009!



The Common Ground of Christmas

By David Colman

I realize how fast time passes when I sit down every December to write a few words about Christmas. Twelve months already! Where did the year go?

With fears of recession, stomach churning stock markets, and faltering industries, it's a little hard sometimes to think about the meaning of Christmas. But at the risk of being called a consensus builder, I was wondering what common ground there is in all of us regarding this annual event that we celebrate so enthusiastically.

To many, Christmas is the joy of the birth of the savior of Christianity; to others it is the celebration of the winter solstice; while to some others it was, long before the birth of Christ, the pagan feast of the son of Isis that got everybody excited on December 25th. By the way, wild parties, too much eating and drinking, and gift-giving were traditions of this last feast. Sounds a little familiar, doesn't it?

There are those to which Christmas means none of those things. Yet it still means something very special. Even though they

enjoy all the 'trimmings' of the season, they are really drawn together every year, as family or friends, to celebrate, to pause, to reflect and to say 'thank you'. They think of 'absent friends' and yearn for them. They may, only on this one day of the year, go to a candlelight church service, even though they are 'non-believers'.

So where is the 'common ground' in Christmas? Let me offer this idea. Christmas is a time to remember and be grateful. It is a time to share with loved ones in the knowledge that we did not get to where we are on our own. Whether we believe that we are who we are because of the birth of a savior, or because of the help of family, friends, or strangers, we did not do this alone. There are those that have given us our freedoms and rights over the years, so much so that we often take these things for granted. There are those that have died for us in the past, and many are still fighting and dying overseas today, ninety years after 'the war to end all wars'. Would that they could have the Christmas that you and I will enjoy this year.

Our toast to you is that you celebrate your Christmas as you wish. I know I will. To me, it is Thanksgiving Day and Remembrance Day all wrapped up in one. It is what every day should be really.

I think Cory Booker, the mayor of Newark, New Jersey put it best. He recently said, "We drink deeply from wells that we did not dig". Indeed we do. Happy Holidays.



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