

## Re: Christians and Santa Claus

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"Iceman" <1c3m4n@chi-mafia.org> wrote in message  
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> *On 19 Dec 2004 06:28:45 -0800, Kim wrote:*

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> *While that all sounds good, consider the Moslems, VooDoo, Satanism, native*

> *religions of Africa, etc. to pick out just a few of the extremes that*  
would

> *counter his good wishes.*

You should have stopped at "all that sounds good"...because it is. Most people base their attitude about any given religion by the people they know that claim it. You have to do what Kim did..research the original belief system, read the writings for yourself. Muslim teachings don't tell them to strap a bomb to their chest and walk into a school...fanatical leaders tell them that and claim it is what Allah wants. Lots of people will tell you that the Bible says and eye for an eye and claim it means that God says you can extract vengeance...but if you read it for yourself in it's entirety you know that it teaches what you do will be visited upon you, not that you can do back what others do to you.

How much do you know about VooDoo? Satanism?

Native African religions? How much have you read on your own? When you hear the word "Pagan" do you assume witches in black hats sacrificing goats?

That's the crux of what Kim was saying, what the Dali Lama was saying and what I was trying to say. There is more commonality in all the spiritual teachings then there are differences. It's only the extremes that man takes those teachings to that differ. Religions do not teach intolerance, religious leaders do.

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