

Slight lessening of hatred of the season.

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Wife got fake tree, took portrait of boy under said fake tree. Cute. Small chink found in my hatred of Santa Claus, the Christian Church, the Jewish faith, Snow, the month of December, virgin births, Stockings hung with care, family functions, shopping, humanity,

wrapping paper, choral music, christmas TV specials, stop motion animation, traditional cel animation, Rankin Bass, Hannukah, Wreaths, driving, shopping malls, egg nog, ham, conversation, the elderly, charity, hope, faith, the entire oeuvre of Christmas Hymns, Bing Crosby, Mickey Rooney, Fred Astaire, Perry Como, Georg Handel, Nat King Cole, Eartha Kit, the Beach Boys, the Gospel, the Tanakh, Charles Dickens, any and all variations of the Christmas Carol (including the Muppets Christmas Carol) sleighs, jingle bells, theism, montheism, tannenbaums, elves, Zwarte Piet, St. Nicholas, Father Christmas, Father Frost, Kris Kringle, Santa Claus (again), the Three Ships, the Baby Jesus, Hannukah Harry, O. Henry, Mary Baker Eddy, the Koran, Al'Lah, the Talmud, The Trinity, Martin Luther, Mark, John, Paul, Luke, the Book of Common Prayer, the Book of Mormon, Thomas Aquinas, the Haidith, Zoroaster, near eastern sky gods, any sort of Magi, Silence (day or night), flocking, garland, giant inflatable Santas-reindeers-pine trees, garish windows decorations, sales, the arboreal race, cookies, ginger, nutmeg, vanilla, Mexican wedding cakes, lemon squares, roast beef, Ambrosia salad, the Salvation Army, Public Address systems, scarves, puffy jackets, hats, thick

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socks, bells, brass bands, top hats, holly, red noses, ear muffs, festive sweaters adorned with reindeers, the color red, the color green, plaid, waistcoats, turtle necks, football, hockey, college sports, school vacations, tinsel, little wooden clogs, the names Joseph, Mary and Jesus, angels, mangers, the Roman census, 12 nights, 12 days of anything, the supernatural, menorahs, Kawanzaa, people making jokes about Kawanzaa, greeting people, jocularly, the Bishop of Constantinople, the Eastern Roman Empire, Federal Holidays, Bethelhem, King Wenceslas, latkes, Christmas plays, creches, singing donkeys-sheep-camels, snowmen, reindeer, disappointment, joy, Hans Brinker, ice skates, Tim Allen, mulled wine, drunk relatives, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, YHWH, Yule, pagan regeneration myths, the Mithras cult, the Norse god Baldur, mistletoe, disrupted mail delivery, New Years, Dick Clark, glittering balls, ornaments, lights, light, protons in general, shorts days, long nights, monthly credit card statements, churlish curmudgeons that hate Christmas, and the seasonal spirit of giving to those less fortunate that ends on Boxing Day.