

Taking Back Christmas

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

1. “Within the Christadelphian community you may find those who fully embrace Christmas as a religious festival, but there are others who barely acknowledge its existence at all.” Where do you land on this spectrum?
2. What is involved in your Christmas tradition? How does it align with the Christadelphian community? How did you come to this decision?
3. Have you considered the origins of Christmas before?
4. “But actually, the accuracy of the dates wasn’t really the important thing, it was more that believers wanted a date in the calendar to mark these events.” What are the implications of the origins of December 25th becoming known as the Birth of Christ? Does it matter that it likely wasn’t the actual date of the birth of Jesus?
5. The Author defines pagan as a “catch-all term for older religions, those which aren’t in any way mainstream.” What is your understanding and experience with the term pagan?
6. Is the Christmas Story found in the Gospels central to your Christmas celebration? How can you include it in your tradition?
7. How can you remember Jesus and celebrate his birth in a meaningful way, whether at Christmas or another time of year?