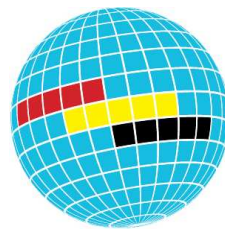


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### Christians celebrate the Feast of God becoming man to liberate him from sin and slavery

I wish all men of good will a happy feast of Christmas.  
Though it is celebrated as a Solemn Feast by all Christian believers  
Yet it carries a meaning and a message for all men of good will,  
Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslims all yearning for justice and peace.

Christians believe in God becoming man to liberate mankind.  
A sinful humanity, caught up in darkness and slaveries, was helpless.  
And to redeem this sinful mankind from sins and slaveries,  
God Himself sent His Son to become a man called Jesus.

Jesus, proclaimed the Coming of God's Kingdom  
Through his preaching and gave signs of the Kingdom through miracles.  
At the end he submitted himself to the will of the Evil Leaders of the time,  
Stood condemned as a rebel, suffered crucifixion and died in their hands.

But Jesus rose from his death after three days and appeared to his disciples.  
Christians believe that by death and resurrection, Jesus conquered sin and slaveries.  
This way initiated by Jesus is a way of liberation from sins and oppressions.  
Human life is thus a struggle against evil for the dawn of God's Kingdom.

The ethnic conflict between the Sinhalese and Tamils  
When seen in this Christian perspective, is a hopeful struggle  
of Truth against falsehood and of Justice against injustice.  
Let us never give up Hope in our struggle for Truth and Justice.

May this Feast of Christmas enliven our Hope of divine Help,  
Strengthen our will to intensify our struggle,  
And hasten the coming of God's Kingdom  
With the Triumph of Truth, Justice and Freedom for all.

Yours Sincerely,

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