

## 2018 Solstice Greeting

Many Biblical Scholars believe that December 25th was not the actual date of Jesus birth. Christmas may have been fixed in proximity to pre-existing pagan feasts to cement the Christian ascendance over paganism. The time of these existing feasts, notably the Roman Saturnalia, were themselves based upon the Winter Solstice.

In the past, Christmas was a season more than a day as in the song, “the Twelve Days of Christmas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7A75XtNg7s&t=13s>

The Christmas Season runs from December 25 to Epiphany on January 6th, which celebrates the coming of the Magi.



December 25 was selected [by church fathers] due to its proximity to the Winter Solstice for theological reasons. After the Solstice, the days begin to lengthen with more sunlight, which could be interpreted as representing the Light of Christ entering the world.



May your coming Christmas Season and New Year be filled with light.