

# IGNORING CHRISTMAS

The War on Christmas typically involves attempts by militant atheists and multicultural fanatics to kill Christmas. But a much softer, and less obvious, way of neutering Christmas is to simply ignore it. Take, for example, the way the leading divinity schools addressed Christmas.

On Harvard Divinity School's website there were pictures and a list of events, but not one had to do with Christmas. Yale Divinity School's website had no Christmas pictures, and aside from one "Advent Service," that was it.

The University of Chicago Divinity School's website had no Christmas pictures, and save for one Christmas Eve event, the holiday was ignored. Emory's School of Theology had a website devoid of Christmas pictures, but listed a few Advent-related events and an off-campus Christmas concert. Duke Divinity School's website had no Christmas pictures and listed one Christmas Eve event. First prize went to Vanderbilt's Divinity School website which listed neither Christmas pictures nor events.

It's not just liberal religious institutions that ignored Christmas. For instance, ten days before Christmas, one of the most prominent liberal websites that has a section devoted to religion, the "On Faith" blog of the Washington Post, listed at the top of its homepage the following subjects: Noah's Ark, Atheists, Hanukkah, All Saints Church, Sistine Chapel, and Christmas (nice to know that the only group mentioned on the blog were those without faith). The Christmas section featured 18 pictures, and aside from the first one which showed a statue of Jesus in the background behind Santa, there were no religious persons or symbols to be found. By contrast, all of the 14 pictures in the Hanukkah section showed either a rabbi or a menorah, or both.

Liberals who dabble in matters religious don't think too deeply about Christmas. They just ignore it.