

The wise person's resolution

A Universal and Timeless decree



As a rule, majority of the Iranians do not celebrate Christmas, those who do fully, belong to religious minorities that is either committed to the rituals of their faith, or traditionally but less rigidly participate more in the social celebrations

rather than religious rite.

Iranian expatriates however of all kinds and stripes enjoy the happy and holiday atmosphere of Christmas festivities, and make sure that we have as much fun as our Christian fellow dwellers. This is nothing new, as I remember in the pre-revolution Iran, during Christmas and particularly for the New Year's mid night celebration, all banquet halls and restaurant were fully booked by the Muslim fun seekers, making it hard and more expensive for the legitimate minority group of Armenians and other Christians to practice and enjoy their traditional annual festivities.

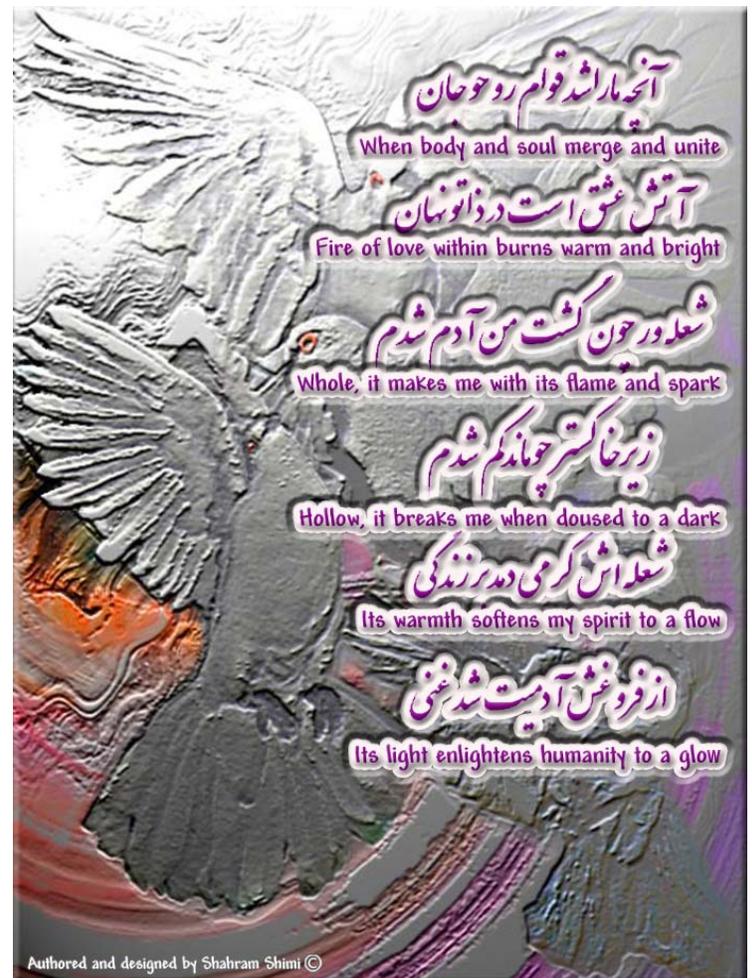
Celebrations aside, Christmas is also a time when most people embark on an introspective journey and resolve to rein in their unruly and pesky penchants to steer their lives in a direction away from identified vices, potential pitfalls and mistakes of the past, and toward what is deemed as more prosperous path.

It is in this vein that it may be a good time to reflect on more general prospect of such useful practice whether or not heeded.

A good place to start is to reminisce about the sincere and selfless advise of our elders, be it throughout our rich history or just a fatherly gesture, who attempted to instill true and lasting values in us and warn against lack thereof, qualities that seem to pale from one generation to

the next though opportunities abound, resulting in decay of Universal and Timeless values.

It may therefore prove conducive to reassert their importance in the minds of the converted, while hoping it would resonate with the younger susceptible minds



So, in a nutshell let us:

1. Cast off the ballast and shackles of superstition in every guys and masquerade.
2. Refrain from being judgmental and insensitive to other's wrong doings.

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