



MERRY CHRISTMAS...(CAN WE SAY THAT?)

It is sometimes frustrating, exhausting and downright depressing to always be the observer or helplessly on the receiving end of controversy. It seems like all of this crap is swirling 10 feet about our heads yet somehow, when "settled," then trickles down to affect our daily lives.

Merry Christmas, indeed. You almost feel guilty saying it. Do did that? Blabbering and bellicose corner "theologians," politicians, religious and Constitutional scholars, housewives, war vets and a whole holy host of a hornet's nest chiming in to banish baristas and bartenders from uttering the name of an actual HOLIDAY! Bah humbug.

Yea, yea, church and state, Hanukah, Kwanza, Yule and the Winter Solstice....we get it. But there's a bit of a bigger lesson here. Are you one of the people looking up at all of this going on and waiting for the outcome, or do you have the jingle balls to jump into controversies like this, have your voice heard and make a difference in the outcome? Merry Christmas is just an example, of course, but realize that there are those who make decisions and those who follow them. Are you a victim who lives your life under the weight of those who aren't any smarter but just may be louder (or have a better publicist?) We hope not. Look, it's the end of the year. How many things can you name that affect you that you don't believe in and want to do something about? Keeping it legal, ahem, now is the time to do something about it. Don't just bitch, make something better – for yourself and for the others who suffer similarly. It might be your job, your government or some ooked-up ecosystem you're stuck in. Stand up. Say something. Fix it. Be one of those voices making things happen that are swirling about over other people's heads!...But use your powers for good.

It's December 25. Every calendar we've seen says it's Christmas. That there is even an argument over this point means the swirling voices are winning, and we're apparently not enough of one ourselves to make them stop. Fix something in your life that needs fixing. Fight for something you believe in. Win. Merry Christmas.

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