

"XMAS" - SACRILEGIOUS?"

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 - 1. 24TH LETTER - ALPHABET
 - 2. REPRESENTS A SIGNATURE
 - 3. ROMAN NUMERAL FOR TEN
 - 4. A SIGN FOR MULTIPLICATION
- 1) THIRD COMMANDMENT - EX. 20:7
- 2) DEATH PENALTY - LEV. 24:16
- 3) "YAHWEH" (JEHOVAH) THE COVENANT NAME FOR THE GOD OF ISRAEL. VOWELS WERE REMOVED, THUS MAKING IT UNPRONOUNCEABLE, "YHWH"
- 4) THE WORD "CHRISTMAS"
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 - B) LATER ABBREVIATIONS
 - 1. "XP-MAS" 2. "XT-MAS" 3. "XST-MAS"
 - A. "CHRISTIAN" ABBREV. TO "XTIAN"
 - B. "CHRISTIANITY" ABBREV. TO "XTIANITY" OR "XN"
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- 5) "IHS" (JHS) - USED AS A MONOGRAM OF THE NAME, JESUS
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 - 2. THE LETTERS STAND FOR "JESUS, HOMINUM SALVATOR" (LATIN FOR "JESUS, SAVIOR OF MEN")
- 6) MODERN DAY ABBREVIATIONS:
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 - B) A.D. - LATIN "ANNO DOMINI" (IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD)
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 - D) E.P.A. - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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