

This is Anthony Mantova with Community Comment.

It happens this time of year--every year--riling people up, adding tension to the Holiday season.

It's the War on Christmas! The many years of Christmas coming under fire from the media and the politically correct crowd, have made people worry that saying Merry Christmas might offend someone. In response a counter culture formed--pushing back--defending their "Merry Christmas" greeting and some folks now get offended if they hear "Happy Holidays" instead.

Sure, this whole thing, it's silly, but the underlying struggle between science and religion is not.

Before I get to that, it's worth pointing out that this battle is brought to us by a lazy media. It's a prepackaged, emotional event that is sure to upset everyone, and boost ratings.

I get annoyed by the whole thing, because we need a healthy science and religion.

Science allows us to look toward the infinite though theories, that are constantly suceptable to change as new facts and understanding emerge. Science gets in trouble when it gets religious. an easy example would be the national science foundation only giving grant money to scientists who believe in global warming at the expense of those who don't. The example is so striking that people against the global warming theory are labeled as climate change deniers.

Science is more than theory, it inspires new pathways that benefit all of us. You cant go to mars, fight disease or refine energy without it.

The war on Christmas puts religion on the defensive and thats a shame, because religion is not something simple. Religion is about faith, but more broadly it is our culture, traditions and events detail mankind's journey from the beginning to today. Religion aids a person faith which is a powerful thing. Yes, sometimes religion needs reformation, as we can see playing out in the middle east, but that is for another conversation.

A persons; faith contains their motivation, purpose, and understanding of the world around them.

Instead of bickering, we need to encourage diversity in our science and respect the traditions of religion. This new year will bring a renewel in our economy. We have a lot of work to do. Our tech is changing so fast well rounded and financially stable. Otherwise we could face a situation where we accomplish much less, then we should. Not fighting over silly things this month, is a great way to start.

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