

# A SIMPLE GUIDE TO

## *the Holy Days*

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THE CHRISTMAS SEASON (OR, WHAT?! WE'VE ALREADY HAD CHRISTMAS!!)

You thought it was over, didn't you? Well, it's not.

I know, I know... You're just itching to get your home back to “normal”— whatever that is, but did you know that the Christmas season has only just begun?

You're surely familiar with that pesky song from childhood “The 12 Days of Christmas”— right? Well, in case you didn't already know, those twelve days don't lead up to Christmas Day; they actually follow it. These twelve days count down the days from Christmas Day to another Christian holiday: Epiphany (which itself is also really a season— ha!).

The legends surrounding the three French hens and whatnot is— well—the stuff of legends. We're not sure of the precise origins of the beloved song, and some of the symbols (er, uh... the “gifts” given by our “true Love”) are debatable, but one thing's for sure— God has indeed given us much in the riches of His bountiful love.

But as far as those gifts are concerned, you can find the most probable meanings by visiting the following web address, if you're interested:

<http://coinherenceanattempt.wordpress.com/2013/01/01/because-you-asked/>

*Scripture Reading:*

*Luke 2:21-38*