

7876 - Eating Christmas Food in Islam

the question

What is the ruling on eating food prepared for a Christian festival? What is the ruling on accepting their invitation to their celebrations of the birth of the Messiah (peace be upon him) [i.e., Christmas celebrations]?

Summary of answer

It is not permissible to eat from the food which the Christians or non-Muslims prepare on Christmas or other festivals. It is also not permissible to accept their invitations to join them in their celebrations.

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Is it permissible to celebrate innovated festivals?

It is not permissible [to celebrate innovated festivals](#) such as the [Christmas](#) of the Christians, or Nowruz (Persian New Year) or Mahrajan (Persian festival), or festivals that have been innovated by Muslims such as the [Prophet's birthday](#) in Rabi` Al-Awwal or the [Isra'](#) in Rajab and so on.

Can a Muslim eat Christmas food?

It is not permissible [to eat from that food which the Christians](#) or non-Muslims prepare on the occasion of their festivals. It is also not permissible [to accept their invitations to join](#)

[them in their celebrations](#) of those festivals, because this encourages them and is tantamount to approving of their Bid`ah, which gives the wrong idea to ignorant people and makes them think that there is nothing wrong with that.

And Allah knows best.