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Merry Christmas, everyone. Actually, I should say that I wish you an EMPTY Christmas. The below is taken from a message written by Charles Moore, titled "Have an Empty Christmas"

"Christmas makes me nervous. The infinite who came in a feeding trough is not the kind of God I want. He is too powerless for my liking. Such a God is an embarrassment, not just to the Herods of this world, but to all who are enamored with themselves and their potency. I don't want this God. I have an inn to offer, decorated for Christmas, not a stinking stall.

God exists in weakness and comes to those who reach to him with empty hands. He is neither useful nor helpful. He came, and still comes, not to solve our problems or answer our questions or fulfill our needs or bless our endeavors, but to expose our problems, to question our answers, to be our need, and to point us to his kingdom.

In Christ, God enters time and space to turn our world upside down and inside out. Valleys are made high, mountains are laid low. We are left bewildered, undone."

This is the message of Christmas - the first Christmas. God has come among us as a vulnerable, shivering child to walk with us through the heights and depths of life and to bring us salvation and peace. Blessings to one and all

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