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Letters: It's time to celebrate the life of Jesus

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To the Times:

As I walk through the mall during this time of the year, I see people with numerous bags in their hands, rushing from store to store desperate to find those last minute deals. My email is overflowing with advertisements of items I will probably never buy. As an American Muslim, I wonder if the true spirit of Christmas has been drowned out by all this focus around shopping.

Although so much controversy exists around the life and death of Jesus, I think we can all agree that this is a time to act upon the teachings of Jesus. The Bible states, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions (Luke 12:15)." During this season, instead of spending so much of our time and money on gifts, perhaps we can get to the root of the spirit of Christmas and celebrate the life of Jesus, again.

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