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not a problem, because Bahá'ís revere Christ as a Messenger of God. In fact, Bahá'ís believe Bahá'u'lláh to be the Return of Christ.

In the same

way, Bahá'ís see no difficulty with joining in the celebrations of their friends

who might be Hindu, Buddhist or Muslim for example. Bahá'ís respect everyone's beliefs.

In other

countries, where for instance Buddhism might be the main religion, Bahá'ís will

celebrate Buddhist festivals with their friends and relatives who are not Bahá'ís.

Bahá'ís

usually exchange presents during a celebration at the end of February, when there will often also be parties for both children and adults. Children may also

receive gifts on some of the other Holy Days.

New Year

Bahá'ís also

celebrate new year at a different time. The Bahá'í Faith has its own calendar,

and the Bahá'í new year falls on the 21st March each year. It is

known as Naw Rúz. However, if Bahá'ís are invited to join in festivities on 31st December they will quite happily accept, just as they are quite happy to invite

anyone to a party for Naw Rúz. In fact, Bahá'ís enjoy hosting parties and inviting their friends to Holy Day celebrations. This is all part of bringing people together to build the unity which the world so desperately needs today.

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