

Legend Reveals Christmas Tree To Be Token Of Christ

Christmas trees, gaily decorated with tinsel, lights, and bright balls, have become a part of Christmas to us today.

The first Christmas tree is traced back to Rome. When the pagans of Northern Europe became Christians, they made their evergreens, a sacred symbol to them, a part of the Christmas festival. The gilt nuts and apples with which they decorated the trees were imitations of the stars.

An old legend tells that twelve centuries ago an


Englishman, Winfred, went to Germany to convert the German people to the Christian belief. Upon arriving there, he found a group of Thor worshipers gathered around a great oak in the process of sacrificing a young prince to their god, Thor. Winfred saved the child, took the axe, and cut the big oak

down. As it fell, a young fir tree came into view. Winfred, believing the tree to be a sign of Christ, acclaimed it as the tree of life. Then he told the people of the birth and life of Christ. From then until now almost each home at Christmas is brightened by the presence of a Christmas tree. E. Pooler



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