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1. Christmas is coming as usual. The office is quiet because there is only 2 days before the 25th of December. However, the outdoor seems to be so crowded and busy. It reminds me of a scene in Japan in December.

Rich or poor people are shopping. It is a custom for people to feel pressured to finish their shopping before Christmas.

2. According to the science it seems that Jesus was born in February. Why do we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on 25th of December?

Christ was born as a Jewish child. At that time the Roman Empire believed in the Heigen religion. The Jewish religion holds the harvest festival in October every year but the Heigen religion is celebrated on the shortest-daylight-hours day, about the 23rd of December (the winter solstice). This would explain why there is a strong theory that the birthday of Jesus was changed to 25th of December.

3. Jewish people were persecuted by the Roman Empire and believed that Jesus was their savior. Therefore it is considered that the 25th of December was chosen as Jesus' birthday because it was considered the day of hope. They believed that his birthday would spread out the daylight hours after the winter solstice. The 25th of December became a day of wish and happiness for the Christians.

The 25th October became a day of renewal for Christians as well as October for Jewish people. They celebrated the start of the New Year with hope, free from the past. In order to say goodbye to the past, you need to give to your family and friends goods that you possess. The reason for this is that the possessions represent the past inheritance.

4. However, these days most of the people buy new presents in shopping centers and give them to their families and friends. According to the tradition, the presents should be goods that you possessed for a long time. It seems that the behavior of giving old possessions doesn't exist anymore. People forgot the meaning of the past possessions and where the traditions came from.