

# North Korea Threatens South Korea's Christmas Spirit

In the U.S., culture wars rage over holiday trees and happy holidays versus Christmas trees and Merry Christmas in retail stores and beyond.

But that seems relatively harmless compared to what's going on in Asia.

North Korea is claiming that South Korea's plan to place three Christmas light displays in the shape of large trees is "a mean attempt for psychological warfare."

Specifically, the Associated French Press reports that North Korea's official site states, "The enemy warmongers ... should be aware that they should be held responsible entirely for any unexpected consequences that may be caused by their scheme."

North Korea's move highlights the nation's extreme hostility towards Christianity and Christmas. North Korea's government is not just content to ban the celebration of Christmas inside their nation, but is willing to declare Christmas lights seen from their borders to be similar to an act of war.

Last year, South Korea erected one display of lights. That was the first time since 2004.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to millions of people who live in repressive regimes like North Korea, where their faith is tested everyday," says Mathew Staver, founder of Liberty Counsel. "America needs to be a beacon of hope to the world. It is an important lesson to Americans to not let the 'grinches' steal our Christmas spirit here in the land of the free."