Christmas 2014

We’re nearing December 25th and the holiday Season. Which of the following names do you prefer for this time of year?

Christmas
Holiday Season

Do you expect to attend a special Christmas service in December?

Yes
No

Most Canadians report that spending Christmas/the holiday season with family and friends makes it an important time of the year. What do you personally find makes these gatherings so special?

The opportunity to be with family and friends
Sharing in a happy and enjoyable atmosphere
Reliving a valued family tradition
A unique time when people are particularly positive to one another
The giving and receiving of gifts
Christmas dinner
It provides a breather from everyday life
Offers the opportunity to celebrate the birth of Christ with loved ones
Provides a unique opportunity for spiritual nourishment
It gives me a chance to emerge refreshed
Christmas spent with loved ones simply adds much to my life

Very special
Somewhat special
Not very special
Not special at all

To what extent do you expect that, during Christmas/holiday seasons like this one, you yourself will reflect on...

Christmases past
People who are no longer part of your life
Things that are bringing you joy
Things that are bringing you strain
Where your life is now
Some things you might want to do differently
The role that faith – or the lack of faith – plays in your life

A great deal
Quite a bit
Some
Little or none

All in all, as you enter this Christmas/holiday season, would you describe yourself as:

Very happy
Pretty happy
Not very happy
Not happy at all

Which one of the following best describes your religious identity?
Atheist
Agnostic
Buddhist
Roman Catholic
United Church
Anglican
Lutheran
Presbyterian
Evangelical Christian
Other Christian
Hindu
Jewish
Muslim
Sikh
Spiritual
No religious identity
Other (specify:)_________________

Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week
Once a week
Once or twice a month
About few times a year
Seldom
Never