

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

What is that cute little saying people sometimes use; well, it goes something like this they're just **"like two peas in a pod"!!!**

Indeed, that is what they are, who are; well, you know who. I am sure that during your lifetime it has not escaped your attention that these common characters, yes indeed "characters" are in truth what we might call kindred spirits.

They are just **"like two peas in a pod"**, pea one the world famous, yes world famous **EASTER BUNNY** and pea two that world famous, yes world famous **SAINT NICHOLAS** who may be more well known by his common name **SANTA CLAUS!!!**

"Two peas in a pod", the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus, how can that be, one is winter time and one is spring time? Well, just take a few moments pause and think about it and it will become clear.

First, whether we are talking Easter Bunny or Santa Claus they both wear whiskers under their noses. Second, the Easter Bunny has a cute little white bunny tail and Santa Claus has a white beard. Third, the Easter Bunny is a favorite of little children, and of this truth there is no doubt when it comes to Santa Claus. Fourth, the Easter Bunny has hopped down many a bunny trail, while Santa Claus has hopped down many a chimney. Fifth, but certainly not least, the Easter Bunny is very generous hiding Easter Baskets filled with goodies for all the children to find, while Santa Claus shows his generosity by leaving Christmas gifts under the Christmas Tree.

One, two, three, four, and five, the **Easter Bunny** and **Santa Claus**, are clearly just **"like two peas in a pod"!!!**

However, the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus have absolutely nothing on **GOD**, **JESUS**, the **HOLY SPIRIT**, providing us with those very generous and gracious **"two peas in a pod"** special gifts of **CHRISTMAS** and **EASTER!!!**

When we pause to consider the wonder of **CHRISTMAS** and the gift of a little baby boy named **JESUS** who was born in Bethlehem, and when we close in on, the center of it all, at its' core we are looking at **GOD'S** gracious **LOVE** reaching out to humanity!!!

When we pause to consider the wonder of **EASTER** and Mary Magdalene going to the tomb where **JESUS** had been laid only to discover **"the stone rolled away"** and **"the tomb empty"** because as she herself proclaimed to the disciples **"I have seen the Lord"** and when we consider the wonder of the **RESURRECTION**, and when we close in on, the center of it all, at its' core we are looking at **GOD'S** gracious **LOVE** reaching out to humanity!!!

Love and love again, ultimately revealed to humanity by our "Triune God" when it comes to Christmas and Easter they can be described as **"two peas in a pod"** because of the wonder of **GOD'S** gracious **LOVE** for God's children!!!

Love in Christ,

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