

OSHO INTERNATIONAL MEDITATION RESORT BACKGROUNDER

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OSHO DROPPING THE TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION DAYS

From the very beginning, Osho has been in favor of celebration as a way of life, rather than on preset days.

In a series of public talks in 1986, Osho explains that there will be no more regular festival days:

"I am going to drop all the festivals.... So, the festival will be every day. And why have only one festival when you can have three hundred and sixty-five!"

Osho, *Light on the Path*, Talk #12 – Religiousness Is Interwoven into Existence Itself
Saturday, January 11, 1986

"Now we will not be having any celebrations; now the celebration will continue all the year round – three hundred and sixty-five days of celebration! ...And this is going to be the new order of the buddhfield."

Osho, *Light on the Path*, Talk #13 – One of the Most Mysterious Phenomena
Monday, January 13, 1986

"We will dissolve those four ceremonies and make the whole year a festival – a three-hundred-and-sixty-five-day festival.

Osho, *Light on the Path*, Talk #28 – Act According to Your Insight
Sunday, February 2, 1986

After this, from the time Osho arrives in Mumbai in 1986, Osho no longer involves himself in any of these "four ceremonies." Including his last birth date in December 1989, shortly before his leaving his body.

In 2002, the Osho Meditation Resort Management Team decided it was time to trust that today's participants are mature enough to come for meditation and to celebrate whenever they come. That they will come and celebrate, rather than coming *for* a celebration. So that we can, at last, implement Osho's repeatedly expressed wishes and suggestions in this regard, outlined above.

And, in particular, when considering the idea of celebrating the days of Osho's birth and death, it is worth noting the words Osho dictated to go over the bed with his ashes underneath: "Never Born, Never Died."

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