Make Life Progressive with Easter 2012 by Mukesh Kumar

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After the crucifixion of Jesus, He resurrected from death on the third day. That day came to be known as Easter day, and since that day happened to be a Sunday, the day is also called Easter Sunday. However this day is not yet confirmed to fall on a particular date and the day is marked at different dates in different calendars all over the world. Easter Sunday is an auspicious day for all Christians in the world. People prepare for the day from many days before the actual fest. Easter Sunday is the end of penance and fasting and sacrifices by the Christians, carried out for forty days before the Easter day.On the Easter day people celebrate by gathering together. Organizing feasts and exchanging gifts in Easter basket. The Easter basket contains Easter cards, and Easter bunny. Easter bunny is the most auspicious gift for the day, as it is considered to bring fertility and life to people. Special Easter themes are depicted on the Easter cards.

The festival is a fun time for everyone especially children. They play games, eat all the special dishes prepared for the day and enjoy the gifts. Elderly people exchange Easter cards, but for kids it is more about Easter bunny, eggs and all other fun stuff. People organize games like hunting the eggs in which any age group person can be allowed to participate the â€œseek gameâ€•. Eggs are coloured decorated and hidden in the nooks and corners of the house and participants search them within a specific period of time. The winner can also be declared if someone is successful in finding eggs before anyone else does. The game forms up a lively environment, where everyone laughs and enjoys the moment. The fest is auspicious but it also brings together the whole bunch of family, friends, relatives and neighbours and so the occasion becomes even more delightful. Easter Bunny is a symbol of fertility, because bunny and rabbits are amongst the most fertile animals. And it also matches the resurrection of Jesus, so it forms a quintessence for the occasion.

Amongst other gifts, Easter cards are the most exchanged gifts. People wish each other of health, prosperity and fertility with messages on these cards. So the card making companies enjoy a boom in this phase. Easter Basket contains all kinds of Easter related gifts apart from bunny and cards. Depending on the relation of the gift giver to the receiver, the baskets are filled with gifts like chocolates, cakes, fruits, hats, decorative stuffs, and other trifle and expensive gifts. Easter has been the oldest festival for Christians whose origin due to the resurrection of Jesus is supposed to have occurred between 26 and 36 AD. There are rituals and sacred period lingering to this festival before and after the actual Easter day. Common people may not follow the rules and protocols of the sacred period and rituals, but no one ever forgets to enjoy the festival. Due to globalisation and communication enhancement, even other communities have started to participate the occasion and celebrate it in all the ways possible.

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