THE MYSTIC’S Wheel of the Year

2017

A Multifaith Calendar Reflecting Eco-Egalitarian Spirituality
Eco-Egalitarian Spirituality (also called Creation Spirituality, Nature Spirituality, and Earth-Centered Spirituality) is a life-affirming spiritual focus based on Nature. It is an individualistic spiritual path, not a distinct organized religion. It is practiced by many who are members of mainstream religions, and by many who are not. Eco-Egalitarian Spirituality is an underlying element common to most religions. It is embodied in non-patriarchal aspects of indigenous religions throughout the world. It is an aspect of Hinduism, Zoroastrianism, Taoism, Shinto, and Buddhism. It is found in the mysticism of Judaism (Kabbalah), Christianity (ecumenical mysticism/Wisdom Tradition), Islam (Sufism), and Baha’ism. And it is reflected in Unitarian Universalism. Those on an Eco-Egalitarian Spirituality path reject blind obedience to all human spiritual leadership and blind acceptance of any decreed dogma. Diversity of opinion is the norm. Each person explores his/her own path on the common journey--guided by compassion, reason, and experience. Eco-Egalitarian Spirituality reflects an emphatic love for, and desire to understand, Deity. It conceives Deity to be an unfathomable mystery: ultimately genderless, formless, and limitless. All definitions necessarily fall short. Eco-Egalitarian Spirituality emphasizes the ultimate oneness of Deity, but acknowledges a multitude of names, attributes, and forms of the primordial and eternal, omnipotent and omniscient, all-encompassing and universal Deity. Many call Deity Yahweh, the Trinity, Allah, Brahman, or Adi-Buddha. Some call Deity Ch’i, the Great Spirit, or Mother Nature and Father Time. Others call Deity the Source, the Force, the Cosmos, the Absolute, or the Unity. Still others simply refer to Deity as the Mystery. Many understand Deity in both masculine and feminine terms. (But “masculine” and “feminine” are not defined by patriarchal concepts: “masculine” is not aggressive and active; “feminine” is not receptive and passive.) Eco-Egalitarian Spirituality emphasizes that all God concepts are attributes of the One God, all Goddess concepts are attributes of the One Goddess, and together the One God and One Goddess make up God-Goddess (or Goddess-God) -- the one genderless Deity. God generally embodies the concepts of Being, Will, and Consciousness. He also represents the principle of duality: order and chaos. From Him come the gifts of free will, knowledge of self and others, knowledge of good and evil, and knowledge of life and death. Goddess, on the other hand, generally embodies the concepts of Becoming, Power, and Conscience. She represents the principle of the eternal cycle. From Her come the gifts of peace, love, compassion, passion, inspiration, worldly knowledge, wisdom, conscience, truth, and justice. Though never accepted as orthodox dogma, the feminine aspect of Deity is not alien to the Judeo-Christian-Islamic traditions. The Bible reflects that Deity was honored as female as well as male in ancient Israel and Judah, until Her shrines were destroyed and Her priests and priestesses killed at the behest of the patriarchal prophets. The Bible still honors the feminine aspect of Deity in the Wisdom Literature--Proverbs, Wisdom of Solomon, Ecclesiasticus, etc. To the ancient Hebrews, the feminine aspect of Deity was Elath, which means Goddess; and Asherah, which means Tree of Life. In the Kabbalistic Tree of Life, She is represented in the feminine Sephiroth (divine attributes). She is Heh of Yahweh (YHVH or Yod-Heh-Vau-Heh), the Mother-Daughter of the Kabbalistic Tetragrammatan. She is Eloah (Goddess) who, in unity with Eloah (God), make up the genderless (gender-inclusive) Elohim. She is also Hokhma, which is the feminine Hebrew word meaning Wisdom; Shekhinah, the feminine Hebrew word meaning Powerful Presence; and Ruach, the feminine Hebrew word meaning Spirit. Christians know Her as the Holy Spirit, the third part of the Holy Trinity. They also call Her Holy Wisdom (as well as Sophia and Sapientia, the feminine Greek and Latin words for Wisdom). She is also called the Paraclete, Grace,
or destroy its habitat is evil. Likewise, to needlessly or irreverently harm any animal and other kinds of mistreatment, discrimination, or oppression is to do evil. Thus, sexism, racism, religious bigotry, homophobia, people (including one’s self), animals, or other aspects of Nature are valued. Animals and other aspects of Nature are likewise valued. Each person is our sister or brother. All people, however different they may seem, are to be treated as equals and with compassionate respect. Animals and other aspects of Nature are likewise valued. To intentionally harm or disrespect the inherent rights of people (including one’s self), animals, or other aspects of Nature is to do evil. Thus, sexism, racism, religious bigotry, homophobia, and other kinds of mistreatment, discrimination, or oppression are evil. Likewise, to needlessly or irreverently harm any animal or destroy its habitat is evil. Those with an Eco-Egalitarian Spirituality focus also recognize a duty to oppose injustice and aid those in need--particularly the sick, the disabled, the young, and the old. They also acknowledge a duty to practice conservation and to avoid and oppose environmental waste and abuses. They seek peace within and without, and attempt to live in harmony with Nature. They strive to be self-reliant and empower themselves, as well as to challenge and better themselves. They desire to understand and love themselves. They want happiness for themselves--and for everyone. Eco-Egalitarian Spirituality is family-centered, and recognizes that each person bears familial duties to children, spouse, and parents. Marriage is conceived to be a partnership of equals. Differences between men and women are celebrated; but the idea that differences in gender indicate superiority or inferiority of either gender is rejected, as is the idea of mandated gender-based familial or societal roles. Those on an Eco-Egalitarian Spirituality path follow the positive (non-harmful) aspects of their respective religious traditions. They also respect the positive beliefs and practices of all religious traditions, whether orthodox or unorthodox. Those with an Eco-Egalitarian Spirituality focus recognize that one can have direct experience of Deity any time and any place. One can worship alone, as a family, or in a spiritual community. The cycle of life, the cycle of the seasons, and the lunar cycles are often celebrated. (The Sun and Moon, and their continuing cycles, are seen as symbols of Deity, and metaphors for human physical and psychological cycles.) Worship of Deity may include prayer, meditation, chanting, or singing. Or dancing, drumming, ritual, or sacred drama. Indeed, celebrating the artist within, worship of Deity may be manifested in any kind of artistic expression. Worship of Deity may also include thanksgiving or penance offerings of candles, incense, or flowers. Or offerings of grain, fruit, or libations. Or it may include action offerings, such as giving food to the poor, demonstrating against social injustice, or picking up litter. This calendar is intended to show how Eco-Egalitarian Spirituality is reflected in religious traditions of the past and the present. It is also intended to aid in reclaiming and exploring positive aspects of one’s own religious traditions, letting go of harmful aspects, and learning about the traditions of others. May it inspire you to love Deity, Nature, and all humankind. Blessed be!
made to the Deities (particularly Jord, Thor, and Frey) for growth of crops. 1/14: Makar Sakranti—Beginning of Hindu pilgrimage to holy rivers to bathe and pray, to purify themselves of their sins. Hindus believe all Gods and Goddesses are aspects of the immanent and transcendent Brahman. 1/14 to 1/16: Old Egyptian Festival honoring the unseen Neteru Amen and Amenet. Egyptians perceived the many Gods and Goddesses (Netere) to be aspects of the one God-Goddess Neter-Neteteret. 1/15: Feast of the Black Christ. 1/15 (Obs. 1/16): Birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929), Baptist preacher and non-violent advocate for the rights of African Americans. 1/15: First appearance of Our Lady of Banneux, Virgin of the poor, the sick, and the suffering (Belgium 1933). 1/15: World Religions Day—Day to contemplate all religions as different paths to the one universal Deity of many names and aspects. 1/17: Yoruba/Santeria feast of Ogun, Orisha of Strength, Endurance, and Perseverance. Yorubas/Santeros believe the Orishas are emanations and messengers of the one Deity, Olodumare. 1/19: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Sultan—Sovereignty. Baha’is believe in the oneness of Deity. 1/20: Beginning of Aquarius (the Water Bearer). 1/22: Dakinis’ Day—Tantric Buddhist monks make offerings to the Dakinis and Mother Tantra; day to unite will and power to manifest positive social change and environmental healing. 1/22: Day the Supreme Court recognized women’s right to reproductive autonomy (1973). 1/24 to 2/1: Senteimuae–Old Roman festival of sowing, honoring Earth Goddess Terra, Grain Goddess Ceres, and Seed Goddess Proserpina. 1/25 eve to 1/26 eve: Celebration day for Muhay ad-Din Ibn El-Arabi (d. 1240), Sufi saint who honored Deity as a unity manifested in all Nature, both genders, and countless forms. 1/26: Vigil for the protection of women in India from dowry killings and other gender-based violence. 1/26: Vigil for peace, justice, and respect for the human rights of all in Somalia, where Al-Shabaab commits abuses in the name of religion. 1/26 eve to 1/29 eve: Old European Lunar New Year—Celebration of the Triple Goddess (Goddess of the Moon and the Seasons) being transformed from the Crane into the Virgin; celebrated with ritual bathing of divine images. 1/27 (7:37 p.m. EST): New Moon. 1/27 eve: Rosh Chodesh—Jewish women gather to worship the Shekhinah, the feminine manifestation of Elohim, the one universal Deity; and to pray and act for peace, social justice, and environmental healing. 1/27: Death day of John James Audubon (1851), ornithologist and conservationist. 1/27 eve to 1/28 eve: Feast of Old Greek Goddess Hekate, who guides all through transitions and crisis. 1/28 to 1/31: Hish Nien/Suh/Tet–Chinese and East Asian Lunar New Year (Year 4715: the Rooster). 1/29: Birthday of Thomas Paine (1737), Deist who recognized the inherent rights of all men and women, and opposed non-democratic government. Deists believe Deity to be consistent with Nature and reason. 1/29: Birthday of Vladimir Soloviev (1853), Orthodox Christian mystic who bewailed humanity’s alienation from Holy Wisdom and from Nature. Her manifestation. 1/31: Birthday of Fr. Thomas Merton (1915), Catholic mystic and poet, who found Deity in stillness and silence. 1/31 eve to 2/2 eve: Imbolc/St. Brigid’s Day. 1/31 eve to 2/3 eve: Mid-Winter/Groundhog’s Day/Candlemas. 1/31 to 2/8: Iroquois Mid-Winter Ceremony.
January Visible Planets:

Morning...Mercury (twilight) (1/4-31), Jupiter, Saturn.

Evening...Venus (twilight), Mars, Uranus (1/15-31), Neptune.

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FEBRUARY

Charles Darwin (1809), biologist and evolutionary; day to meditate on the unity of science and spirituality. 2/13: Birthday of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (1835). He advocated a peaceable form of Islam that rejects violent jihad. 2/13 to 2/15: Lupercalia/St. Valentine’s Day—Old Roman festival of God-Goddess Faunus-Fauna; merged with the Christian feast of St. Valentine—celebrating love of all kinds. 2/14: Tell your true love how much you love him/her! 2/15: Birthday of Susan B. Anthony (1820), non-violent advocate for the rights of women and African Americans. 2/17: Toshigoi-Shinto rite honoring the Kami and offering prayers for a bountiful rice harvest. Shinto try to live in harmony with the cosmic forces of the Kami. 2/17 to 2/18: Old Egyptian festival of Neteret Bastet, Cat Goddess who protects the home and fosters domestic harmony. 2/18: Death day of Michelangelo (1564), painter of the Vatican’s Sistine Chapel (where Our Father is shown embracing Our Mother while reaching out to humanity). 2/18: Birthday of Ramakrishna Paramahansa (1836), Hindu mystic who fervently loved Great Goddess Maha Devi—Mother of God, Mother of Nature, Elemental Matter, and Cosmic Power. He recognized Her immanence in all, and knew Her to be a manifestation of the one universal Deity. 2/18: Nazi Resistance Day—Day to honor those who resisted Adolph Hitler’s Nazi government during World War II. 2/19: Beginning of Pisces (the Fishes). 2/19: Day President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the internment of loyal Japanese Americans during World War II (1942); day to mourn Asian victims of internment and exclusion (past and present), make peace, and celebrate empowerment of Asian Americans. 2/20: Social Justice Day—Day to affirm that social justice is a moral imperative, encompassing equal rights, freedoms, and protections under law. 2/22: Caristia—Old Roman festival for renewing family ties and patching up quarrels. 2/22 (Obs. 2/20): Birthday of President George Washington (1732), who ensured that the military was subordinate to the civilian government. 2/22 to 2/28 (OC 2/13 to 2/19): Carnival/Meat Fare—Christian time of fasting, dancing, and revelry. 2/24 to 2/25: Mahashivaratri—Hindu fast, night vigil, and feast for God-Goddess Shiva-Shakti (union of Will and Power), who dances to create, destroy, and re-create the Universe. Tantric Hindus believe Shiva is within all men and Shakti within all women. 2/25: Sojong Day—Tibetan Buddhist day of fasting, confession, and preparation for harm done. 2/25 eve: Vigil for lost children; night of mourning and healing. 2/26 (9:58 a.m. EST): New Moon. 2/26: Children’s Day—Day to give love and thanks to all children; day for all children to celebrate their youth and contemplate their sacred duty to learn all they can, to aid their parents whenever needed, and to become responsible adults. 2/26 to 3/1: Ayyam-i-Ha—Baha’is prepare for the Fast with festivities, gift-giving, and helping those in need. 2/27 to 3/12: Losar/Tibetan Buddhist New Year (Year 2144: the Fire Bird) & Monlam Chenmo/Great Prayer Festival—Commemorates miracles performed by the Buddha. Rituals, dances, and sculptures are offered to drive out evil spirits and to protect and benefit all sentient beings. 2/28: Old Slavic Velja Noc—Spirits of the dead visit their living relatives, overseen by Veles, Lord of the Dead. Morana and Jarilo are born. Veles steals Jarilo and raises him in Virey, realm of the dead.

Buddha

Seasonal Focus: depths of Winter
Nature Focus: darkness & cold; pruning & plowing; hibernation ends; returning migration
Psychological Focus: purification, reconciliation & peace-making; new beginnings & new opportunities
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Goddess as Peace & Harmony ... God as Dormant Potential

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February Visible Planets: Morning...Mercury (twilight) (2/1-24), Jupiter, Saturn. Evening...Venus (twilight), Mars, Uranus (1/15-31), Neptune (2/1-7).
MARCH

Seasonal Focus: ending of Winter — beginning of Spring
Nature Focus: planting, growth & greening; migration ends; animals begin to give birth
Psychological Focus: renewal, healing, rejuvenation & growth; self control & conquest of aggression

2/27 to 3/12: Tibetan Buddhist Great Prayer Festival. 3/1: Great American Weigh In–Day to commit to a healthy diet and daily exercise. 3/1: Day the production and use of landmines was outlawed world-wide (1999); day to mourn their victims. 3/1 to 3/31: Gender Equality Month–Time to honor both genders; time to meditate on the equality of women and men, on the respect due to both women and men, and on Goddess-God manifesting as woman and man. 3/1 to 4/15 (OC 2/27 to 4/7): Ash Wednesday (Pure Monday) and Lent–Christian time of purification by self-reflection, peace-making, preparation for harm done, and helping those in need. Lenten Truce (through Easter). 3/2: Beginning of the Prudhoe Bay oil spill (2006), which showed why oil pipelines are a threat to the environment. 3/2 to 3/20: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as ‘Ala’–’Loftiness. Followed by the Fast–time of purification by fasting from sunrise to sunset. ‘Ala’ Truce (through Naw Ruz). 3/4: Mindfulness Day–Zen Buddhist day for being mindful that you are connected to each and every sentient being that has ever existed. 3/4 eve to 3/5 eve: Feast of Old Greek Goddess Artemis–as creatrix, midwife of birthing creatures, protector of the young, and punisher of child abusers. 3/5: Old Romano-Egyptian festival honoring Goddess Isis as Lady of the Moon and Ruler of the Sea. 3/5: Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on and emulate Bodhisattva Goddess Green Tara’s loving-kindness to self and others. 3/5: Day commemorating the birth of Taoist Lao-Tzu (570? BCE). Taoists live simply and tranquilly, respect life, and recognize the equality of all. 3/8: International Women’s Day–Day to mourn victims of gender-based oppression and misogyny (past and present), make peace, and celebrate women’s empowerment. 3/8: Vigil for peace, democratic government, and respect for the human rights of all in Syria, where “Islamic State” commits abuses in the name of religion. 3/8 eve to 3/12 eve: Jewish fast of Esther, Shabbat, and fest of Purim–Recalls a planned massacre of Persian Jews and their deliverance by Queen Esther; time for helping those in need. 3/8 to 3/13: Holi–Hindu festival celebrating the courting of God Shiva by Goddess Parvati. 3/9: Day slavery was outlawed world-wide (1927); day to mourn its continued existence. 3/10: Death day of Harriet Tubman (1819), who freed slaves to guide slaves to freedom. 3/12 (2:00 a.m.): Daylight Savings Time begins–set clocks ahead 1 hour. 3/12 (10:54 a.m. EDT): Full Moon (Leal/Seeding Moon). 3/13: Birthday of Joseph Priestley (1733), Unitarian who found Biblical basis for belief in a unitary Deity, and believed Jesus to be Deity’s Great Prophet. 3/14: Sikh New Year (Nanakshahi Era 549 begins). 3/15 to 3/21: Old Anglo-Teutonic festival of Goddess Ostara, celebrating the annual rebirth. Her Hare gave gifts of eggs–signifying rebirth. 3/16: Chinese Buddhist festival of Bodhisattva Kuan Yin; celebrates Her “birth.” She declared women the spiritual equals of men. 3/16 to 3/20: Zoroastrian celebration of Divine Spirit Spenta Mainyu, creator and protector of humans. 3/17: St. Patrick’s Day–Old European festival marking rebirth of the Green Man (God as deciduous vegetation); merged with the Christian feast of St. Patrick. 3/18: Day the first bat mitzvah occurred–in Reconstructionist Judaism (1922). 3/18: Day the first woman served as imam, leading a public, mixed-gender, Muslim congregation in Jum’ah prayer, and delivering the sermon (2005). 3/18 eve to 3/25 eve: Lesser Eleusinian Mysteries–Old Greek festival celebrating the marriage of Goddess Kore and God Dionysos. 3/19: Yoruba/Santeria feast of Osanyin, Orisha of Deciduous Vegetation. 3/19: Christian feast of St. Joseph, partner of Blessed Mary and foster-father of Blessed Jesus–honors him as nurturer, teacher, protector, and guide of all fathers. 3/19 to 3/23: Old Roman festival of Goddess Minerva—as font of artistic inspiration. 3/20 (6:29 a.m. EDT): Spring Equinox–Marks the beginning of Spring and point of equal daylight and darkness; celebrates first, annual, and perpetual Creation with egg hunts and exchanges. 3/20: Old Slavic Jare–God Jarilo reunites with Goddess Morana. Their love and happiness bring the world light, warmth, and fertility. 3/20 to 3/26: National Wildlife Week–Time to watch for wildlife in the wild. 3/21: Zoroastrian New Year and celebration of Divine Spirit Asha Vahishta, creator and protector of fire. 3/21: Persian New Year. 3/21: Baha’i New Year (Year 173) and feast honoring the one Deity as Baha–Splendor. 3/21: Beginning of Aries (the Ram/Ewe/Lamb). 3/21: Taoist festival honoring the Shen (Deities) of Water, East, and Spring; prayers are made for growth. Taoists believe the unity of Yin ( Eternal Feminine) and Yang (Eternal Masculine) make up the psyche-matter-energy of the eternal all-encompassing Chi’. 3/21: Haru-no-Higan–Day Japanese Buddhists mark the time of change by meditating on the impermanence of death. 3/21: World Forest Day–Day to celebrate the complex living community that live in forests worldwide. 3/22: World Water Day–Day to recognize the world’s dependence on clean fresh water. 3/23: Vigil for the protection of women in Pakistan from “honor killings” and other gender-based violence. 3/25: Yoruba/Santeria feast of Oshun, Orisha of Passion and Fertility. 3/25 (OC 4/7): Annunciation Day–Christian feast commemorating Blessed Mary’s fiat–choosing to conceive Child Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. 3/26: Christian feast of Blessed Mary, partner of St. Joseph and mother of Blessed Jesus–honors her as nurturer, teacher, protector, and guide of all mothers. 3/26: Birthday of Joseph Campbell (1904), who found Deity within all religions and myths. 3/26: Day production and use of biological weapons was outlawed world-wide (1975); day to mourn their victims. 3/27 to 3/30: Iroquois Thunder Ceremony–in thanksgiving for the rains. Iroquois believe Awenhata’iSky Woman created Earth. 3/28 eve to 3/29 eve: Remembrance day for Sufi saint Haji Bektash (d. 1337). He initiated women into his order equally with men and advocated gender equality in Islamic society. 3/28 to 4/5: Navaratri–Hindu festival honoring Great Goddess Maha Devi as Gauri–life, growth, and fruition. Tantric Hindus recognize gender equality and reject caste. 3/29: Birthday of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise (1819), who founded Reform Judaism. 3/30: Day the U.S. Constitution’s 15th Amendment went into effect, recognizing the right of all ethnic peoples to vote (1870). 3/31: Day to mourn the discrimination, harassment, and persecution that transgender people are subjected to. 3/31: Birthday of Cesar Chavez (1927), who won recognition of migrant workers’ rights through organization and non-violent protest. 3/31: Vigil to mourn China’s annexation of Tibet (1959) and the killings, torture, and religious persecution of Tibetan Buddhists.
March Visible Planets:
Morning...Venus (twilight) (3/30-31), Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune (3/15-31).
Evening...Mercury (twilight) (3/16-31), Venus (twilight) (3/1-22), Mars, Uranus.

GODDESS AS THE SUPERNAL CREATRIX ... GOD AS THE SUPERNAL CREATOR
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GODDESS AS THE ETERNAL CREATRIX ... GOD AS THE ETERNAL CREATOR
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GODDESS AS LIFE ... GOD AS THE RESURRECTED ONE
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GODDESS AS THE WAXING MOON ... GOD AS THE RISING SUN
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GODDESS AS THE DOVE / GOOSE ... GOD AS THE SERPENT / GANDER

Sikh Khalsa was created (1699). Men and women initiated into the Khalsa seek harmony with the Divine through introspection and service to the dispossessed. 4/14 to 4/25 (I 4/20): Old Norse Summer Days Feast--Offerings were made to the Deities (particularly Odin, Thor, and Freyr) for success, peace, and plenty. 4/15: Tax Day--Day to give back to the community for the benefits of community. 4/15 (OC 4/15): Holy Saturday--Vigil remembering Savior Jesus in His cave tomb. 4/16 (OC 4/16): Easter/Pascha--Christian celebration of Lord Jesus’ resurrection by the power of the Holy Spirit. 4/17: Day Cambodia fell to the Khmer Rouge, who caused the deaths of more than a million civilians (1975); vigil for true peace, justice, and respect for the human rights of all in East Asia. 4/20: Beginning of Taurus (the Bull/Cow/Calf). 4/20: Beginning of the Gulf of Mexico oil drilling disaster (2010), which showed why oil drilling off the coast is a threat to the environment. 4/20 eve to 4/23 eve (4/21 peak): Lyrid Meteor Showers. 4/21: Birthday of John Muir (1838), naturalist and conservationist. 4/21 to 5/2: Ridvan–Baha’i celebration of Baha’u’llah’s declaration identifying himself as the New Prophet. Ridvan Truce. 4/22: Earth Day–Day to honor the Earth and to meditate on Deity manifesting as Mother Earth. 4/22: Day the world’s nations guaranteed asylum to those persecuted in their homelands (1954). 4/23: Yoruba/Santeria feast of Ogun, Orisha of Self-reliance and Industrious Labor. 4/23 eve: Laylat al-Mi’raj–Commemorates the night journey of Muslim Prophet Muhammad to heaven. 4/24: Day the genocidal massacres of Armenians, Greeks, and Assyrians began in Ottoman Turkey (1915); vigil for true peace, justice, and respect for the human rights of all in Greater Anatolia. 4/24: Holocaust Remembrance Day–Day to mourn Jewish victims of genocide and anti-Semitism, make peace, and celebrate empowerment of Jewish Americans—and Jews everywhere. 4/26 (8:16 a.m. EDT): New Moon. 4/26: Beginning of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster (1986), which showed why nuclear power is not a safe energy source. 4/26 to 4/29: Iroquois Corn-Planting Ceremony–in thanksgiving for the corn seed. 4/26 to 5/3: Mayan Rain Festival–honoring Rain God Chac and His attendant Chacmool, and welcoming the fructifying rains. 4/27: Day to take your children to work to teach them the value of self-sufficiency. 4/27: Death day of Ralph Waldo Emerson (1882). Transcendentalist Unitarian who believed in equality, self-reliance, and the immanence of Deity in humans and in all Nature. 4/28: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Jalal–Beauty. 4/28: Arbor Day–Day to honor trees, to plant trees, and to meditate on Deity manifesting as trees. 4/28 eve to 5/3 eve: Floralia–Old Roman festival devoted to Flora, Goddess of Flowers. 4/29: Akshay Tritiya–Final day of Jain fast; day of Jain pilgrimage. 4/29: Day production and use of chemical weapons was outlawed world-wide (1997); day to mourn their victims. 4/29 eve to 4/30 eve: Feast of Old Greek Goddess Aphrodite–Day to honor peace and compassion. 4/30: Day of Hosea Ballou (1771), Deist Universalist who preached that all are Deity’s beloved children. 4/30 eve to 5/2 eve: Beltaine–Old Celtic/Welsh feast of Blodeuawdl (Goddess of Flowers) and Llew (the Oak King–God of the waxing Sun). 4/30 to 5/4: Zoroastrian celebration. 4/30 eve to 5/5 eve: Mid-Spring/May Day/Walpurgis.
### April Visible Planets:

**Morning...**
- Venus (twilight) (4/1-7)
- Jupiter (4/1-7)
- Saturn
- Mercury (twilight) (4/29-30)

**Evening...**
- Mercury (twilight) (4/1-12)
- Mars
- Jupiter (4/1-30)

**All Night/Opposition...**
- Jupiter (4/7)

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### GODDESS AS HEALER ... GOD AS THE HEALED ONE

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### GODDESS AS WATERS OF LIFE ... GOD AS FRUCTIFYING RAINS

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### GODDESS AS THE OCEANS, SEAS & RIVERS ... GOD AS THE FISHER KING

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### GODDESS AS INDOMITABLE VIRGIN ... GOD AS HEROIC YOUTH

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### GODDESS AS THE DOLPHIN / SPARROW ... GOD AS THE SALMON / ROBIN

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**April Visible Planets:** Morning...Venus (twilight), Jupiter (4/1-7), Saturn, Mercury (twilight) (4/29-30), Neptune. Evening...Mercury (twilight) (4/1-12), Mars, Jupiter (4/1-30).

**All Night/Opposition...**Jupiter (4/7).
Seasonal Focus: height of Spring  
Nature Focus: light & warming; growth, greenery & flowering; berry harvest  
Psychological Focus: nurturing peace, love, passion & compassion

April 21 to 25: Ridvan.  
April 26 to May 3: Mayan Rain Festival.  
April 28 eve to May 5 eve: Floralia.  
April 30 eve to May 2 eve: Beltaine.  
April 30 to May 4: Zoroastrian celebration of Divine Spirit Khshathra Vairya, creator and protector of the Sky. Zoroastrians worship the one transcendent and immanent Deity Ahura Mazda, who is symbolized by a sacred fire.  
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May 1: Christian feast celebrating the sacred marriage of Blessed Mary and St. Joseph.  
May 1: Law Day—Day to celebrate rule of law (and freedom from rule by force).  
May 1: Birthday of Fr. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881), Catholic mystic and evolutionary who experienced the union of consciousness with all Nature.  
May 1: Day Pope John Paul II affirmed that capitalism must be tempered by social justice and restrained by human rights and environmental laws (1991).  
May 1 eve to May 2 eve: Feast of Old Greek Goddess Artemis, who represents the feminine in Nature and protects women throughout their lives.  
May 1 to 5: Zuni Green Corn Dance—welcoming back Flowering; berry harvest.

MAY

May 2: Full Moon (Flower/Corn-Planting Moon).

May 3: World Press Freedom Day—Day to recognize the importance of a free, independent, pluralistic media world-wide, as a fundamental human right and essential to democracy.  
May 3 eve to May 4 eve: Feast of God Poseidon, Goddess Amphitrite, and all Old Greek Gods and Goddesses of the seas.  
May 4: National Day of Prayer—Day to pray for freedom of expression, freedom of religion, and separation of religion and government throughout the world.  
May 4: Birthday of Horace Mann (1796), advocate for universal nonsectarian education.  
May 5: Cinco de Mayo—Day celebrating Mexico’s victory over occupying French forces; day to mourn Hispanic victims of exploitation (past and present), make peace, and celebrate empowerment of Hispanic Americans.  
May 6: Shepherd’s Day—Day to meditate on Deity as Lord of Animals.  
May 6: Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for being mindful that everything you do, or fail to do, affects all sentient beings.  
May 8: Christian feast of St. Julian of Norwich (d. 1419), mystic who believed Deity to be Father and Mother, everywhere in everything.  
May 9: Day the world’s nations committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, which are causing climate change (1992); day to mourn the failure to reduce these emissions.  
May 10: Day the world’s nations committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, which are causing climate change (1992); day to mourn the failure to reduce these emissions.  
May 10 (5:43 p.m. EDT): Full Moon (Flower/Corn-Planting Moon).  
May 10: Death day of Theodore Parker (1860), Unitarian slavery abolitionist and social justice activist.  
May 10: Nisfu Sha’ban—Muslim night of repentance for all harm done.  
May 12: Day the first woman was ordained a rabbi in Reconstructionist Judaism (1974).  
May 13: Dagda, the Humanist Manifesto was published (1933). It exhorts people to affirm life, not deny it; engage life, not flee from it; and work towards the happiness of self and all.  
May 13: Spring Migratory Bird Day.  
May 13 eve: Vigil for lost mothers; night of mourning and healing.  
May 14: Mothers’ Day—Day to give love and thanks to all mothers; day for all mothers to celebrate motherhood and contemplate their sacred duty to provide for the needs of their children.  
May 15: Yoruba/Santeria feast of Ochossi, Orisha of Animals. Yorubas/Santeros celebrate with drumming, ecstatic dancing, and possession trance.  
May 15: Family Day.  
May 17: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as ‘Azamat—Grandeur. Baha’is believe in the oneness of all religions.  
May 17: Day the Supreme Court concluded that ethnic-based segregation of schools violates the U.S. Constitution (1954).  
May 18: Feast of Old Greek God Pan, who represents the masculine in Nature and protects men throughout their lives.  
May 19: Old Celtic/Irish feast in which sacred healing wells and springs were adorned with flowers in honor of Goddess Brigid, daughter of Mother Goddess Dana and Father God Dagda.  
May 19: Day the first woman was ordained a rabbi in Reconstructionist Judaism (1974).  
May 19: Endangered Species Day—Day to advocate for preservation of endangered species and their habitats.  
May 20: Day the Supreme Court concluded that freedom of religious belief is absolute, but actions are subject to nondiscriminatory laws intended to promote public safety and health (1940).  
May 20: Day the Supreme Court recognized that discrimination against lesbians and gays violates the U.S. Constitution (1996).  
May 21: Beginning of Gemini (the Twins/Lovers/Partners).  
May 21: Cultural Diversity Day—Day to celebrate cultural differences.  
May 21: Death day of Jane Addams (1935), social worker, feminist, and peace advocate.  
May 22: Biological Diversity Day—Day to recognize that the survival of humanity is dependent on the survival of the many diverse species on the Earth.  
May 22 to 24: Rogation Days—Christian days of prayer for bountiful crops, sustainable development, and healing of environmental abuses.  
May 23: Birthday of Margaret Fuller (1810), Transcendentalist and feminist who argued that women, as well as men, have immortal souls.  
May 25 (3:44 p.m. EDT): New Moon.  
May 25: Day Pope John Paul II reaffirmed the Catholic Church’s commitment to ecumenism (1995).  
May 25 eve: Old European feast of the Triple Goddess (Goddess of the Moon and the Seasons), marking the transformation of the Virgin into the Mother.  
May 25 to 28: Iroquois Strawberry Ceremony—in thanksgiving for the strawberry harvest.  
May 26 eve to 6/4 eve: Ramadan—Muslim month of purification by self-reflection, fasting from sunrise to sunset, peace-making, and helping those in need. Ramadan Truce (through Eid al-Fitr).  
May 27: Birthday of Rachel Carson (1907), biologist who began the environmental movement.  
May 29: Memorial Day—Day to honor all soldiers who fought honorably and died in war, and to mourn all of war’s victims.  
May 29: Vigil for peace, freedom of religion, and respect for the human rights of all in Nigeria, where Boko Haram commits abuses in the name of religion.  
May 29: Death day of Baha’i Prophet Baha’u’llah (1892). Baha’u’llah believed Deity to be male, female, and beyond gender.  
May 29 eve to 5/30 eve: Feast of Old Greek Deities Aphrodite and Eros—Day to honor love and passion.  
May 30 eve to 6/1 eve: Shavuot/Feast of First Fruits—Jewish festival of thanksgiving for the first fruits of the grain harvest. Originally, loaves of bread were offered to Elohim.  
May 31: Christian feast of Our Lady, Queen of Heaven.  
May 31 eve: Vigil for lost spouses/partners; night of mourning and healing.
May Visible Planets: Morning...Mercury (twilight), Venus (twilight), Saturn, Uranus, Neptune. Evening...Mars, Jupiter.
JUNE

Seasonal Focus: ending of Spring — beginning of Summer
Nature Focus: light, heat & ripening; berry harvest
Psychological Focus: nurturing peace, love, passion & compassion

* 5/26 eve to 6/24 eve: Ramadan.
* 5/30 eve to 6/1 eve: Shavuot.
* 6/1: Partners’ Day—Day to give thanks to your spouse/partner for precious love shared.
* 6/1 to 6/30: June dedicated to Old Roman Goddess Juno—partner of Jove (God of Happiness), protector of marriage and family, and punisher of abusive and adulterous spouses.
* 6/1 to 6/30: Coming Out Month—Time to celebrate all forms of love and family; time to express opposition to discrimination, harassment, and persecution on account of sexual orientation and gender identity.
* 6/2: Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on Bodhisattva Goddess Red Tara, protector against evil and harm.
* 6/3: Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for mindfully seeing the interdependence of all things at all times.
* 6/3: Day the first woman was ordained a rabbi in Reform Judaism (1972).
* 6/4: Day to mourn the massacre of the peaceful pro-democracy protesters in China (1989); vigil for democracy and respect for the human rights of all in China.
* 6/4 eve to 6/5 eve: Remembrance day for Khadijah bint Khwaqilid (d. 619 or 623), Mother of Islam—first convert to Islam, partner of Prophet Muhammad in monogamous marriage, and liberated businesswoman.
* 6/5: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Nur—Light. Baha’s recognize ethnic equality.
* 6/5: World Environment Day—Day to mourn the harm done to Mother Earth (past and present), make reparation, and celebrate Her beauty.
* 6/6: Day the U.S. government’s massive surveillance, in violation of the U.S. Constitution, was revealed (2013).
* 6/7 to 6/15: Vestalia—Old Roman festival honoring Goddess Vesta. Women made food offerings at the sacred hearths of home and temple.
* 6/8: World Oceans Day—Day to recognize the world’s dependence on the oceans for food and medicine.
* 6/9 (9:10 a.m. EDT): Full Moon (Rose/Berry Moon).
* 6/10: Day Alcoholics Anonymous was founded (1935); day to begin/celebrate recovery from alcohol and drug addiction.
* 6/10: National Hoodie Day—Wear a hoodie to remember all victims of vigilante “justice”.
* 6/11: Birthday of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan (1881), founder of Reconstructionist Judaism. He perceived Deity to be a genderless Cosmic Force andpiritualized a Judaism that recognizes gender equality and rejects violence and social injustice.
* 6/14: Day the world’s nations committed to sustainable development (1992).
* 6/15: Sujin Matsuri—Shinto rite honoring the Kami of Water.
* 6/15 (or 6/18): Corpus Christi—Christian day for veneration of Christ Immanuel in the Host—divine immanence in the grain.
* 6/16: Birthday of Fr. Sergei Bulgakov (1871), Orthodox Christian mystic who believed the one universal Deity to be Father and Mother, Spirit and Matter.
* 6/17: Day a fatwa condemned “honor killings” as un-Islamic and banned the practice (2002).
* 6/17 eve: Vigil for lost fathers; night of mourning and healing.
* 6/18: Fathers’ Day—Day to give love and thanks to all fathers; day for all fathers to celebrate fatherhood and contemplate their sacred duty to provide for the needs of their children.
* 6/18: Day Pope Francis challenged the world to make the necessary changes in lifestyle, consumption, and production to avoid climate change and its expected harm (2015).
* 6/20: World Refugee Day—Day to recognize the plight of the millions of people who have become refugees.
* 6/20 to 6/23: Lakota Sun Dance—Festival of prayer, fasting, dancing, and healing in honor of Sun God Wi; offers are also made to Makal/Mother Earth and Haakah/Father Sky. Lakotas believe all Deities are aspects of Creator Takusksanskan.
* 6/21 (12:24 a.m. EDT): Summer Solstice—Marks the beginning of Summer and the longest day and shortest night of the year; celebration of the light with dancing around a bonfire.
* 6/21: Beginning of Cancer (the Crab/Scarab).
* 6/21: Taoist festival honoring Shang-Ti/Heavenly Emperor, Father of Justice and Law, and manifestation of the Te (Virtuous Inner Power). Also celebrates the peak of the masculine Yang half of the year and the Shen of Fire, South, and Summer; prayers are made for strength and maturity, and offerings are made to the ancestors.
* 6/21: Yoga Day—Day to commit to daily stretching for physical and mental health.
* 6/21 eve: Laylat al-Qadr/Night of Power—Crememorates the first revelation of the Qur’an to Muslim Prophet Muhammad by the Angel Gabriel in 610 CE. The Qur’an says: “Let there be no compulsion in religion.”
* 6/23 (10:31 p.m. EDT): New Moon.
* 6/23 to 6/26: Iroquois Green Bean Ceremony—in thanksgiving for the bean harvest; celebrated with singing, drumming, dancing, and feasting.
* 6/24: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Rahmat—Mercy.
* 6/24 to 6/27: Zuni Corn Dance—for fertility and rains to aid the maize, bean, and squash crops. Prayer sticks are planted in the fields.
* 6/24 eve to 6/27 eve: Eid al-Fitr—Muslim festival celebrating the end of Ramadan.
* 6/25: Day the first woman was ordained a Universalist minister in the U.S. (1863).
* 6/25: Day the Supreme Court recognized that government-sponsored prayer in public schools imposes religion on students and violates the U.S. Constitution (1962).
* 6/26: Day the U.N. Security Council was created to maintain world peace (1945).
* 6/26: Day torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment were outlawed world-wide (1987); day to mourn their continued existence.
* 6/26 eve to 6/27 eve: Feast of Old Greek Goddess Athena—as protector and defender.
* 6/28: First day of the Stonewall riot (1969); day to mourn victims of homophobia (past and present), make peace, and celebrate LGBT empowerment.
* 6/29 to 7/3: Zoroastrian celebration.
* 6/30: Oharai/Grand Purification Festival—Shinto rite exercising evil from the world.
### June Visible Planets:
**Morning**... Mercury (twilight) (6/1-14), Venus (twilight), Uranus, Neptune.
**Evening**... Mercury (twilight) (6/29-30), Mars (6/1-7), Jupiter.

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GODDESS AS COMFORTER & PROTECTOR ... GOD AS CHALLENGER & LIBERATOR

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GODDESS AS THE FULL MOON ... GOD AS THE SUN AT ITS APEX

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GODDESS AS THE MOUNTAINS & WINDS ... GOD AS THE DESERT & HEAT

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GODDESS AS MOTHER & WIFE ... GOD AS FATHER & HUSBAND

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GODDESS AS THE LIONESS / SWALLOW ... GOD AS THE LION / EAGLE

*June Visible Planets: Morning...Mercury (twilight) (6/1-14), Venus (twilight), Uranus, Neptune. Evening...Mercury (twilight) (6/29-30), Mars (6/1-7), Jupiter.*
### JULY

**Seasonal Focus:** height of Summer  
**Nature Focus:** light, heat & ripening; berry & vegetable harvest; Summer storms  
**Psychological Focus:** fullness, fruition & fulfillment — avoiding attachment to possessions, wealth, power & fame

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<td>Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for being mindful that alienation and hunger for possessions results from ignorance of interconnectedness.</td>
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<td>Day the world’s nations committed to stop proliferation of nuclear weapons (1968); vigil to protest the production and use of all nuclear weapons world-wide.</td>
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<td>Day endangered species became internationally protected (1975); day to celebrate all the world’s creatures.</td>
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<td>Day the International Criminal Court came into being to prosecute those who commit acts of genocide, crimes against humanity, international terrorism, and war crimes (2002).</td>
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<td>Visitation Day—Christian feast marking St. Elizabeth’s recognition of Blessed Mary’s divine destiny as catalyst for human liberation and redemption.</td>
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<td>Day discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, gender, and religion was prohibited in public accommodations, employment, and education (1964).</td>
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<td>U.S. Independence Day—Day to celebrate the right of all peoples to exercise peaceful, democratic self-determination.</td>
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<td>Death day of Thomas Jefferson (1826), who ensured that the U.S. Constitution would protect basic rights and liberties.</td>
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<td>Chinese Buddhist festival of Kuan Yin, Supreme Goddess of Nature and Perfect Buddha of many emanations; celebrates Her enlightenment and Her bodhisattva vow to help all sentient beings.</td>
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<td>Birthday of Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama.</td>
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<td>Tanabata—Shinto rite honoring the Kami of the Stars.</td>
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<td>Day Tibetan and Mahayana Buddhists do good deeds and chant the name of Buddha God Ammitaba to gain entry to His Pure Land and aid in attaining nirvana.</td>
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<td>Vigil for peace, justice, democratic government, and respect for the human rights of all in South Sudan.</td>
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<td>Day the World Union for Progressive Judaism was founded to promote progressive values within Judaism (1926).</td>
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<td>Day Pope John Paul II acknowledged the evil of sexism and apologized for the Catholic Church’s past oppression of women (1995); day to mourn the continued subordination of women by the Church.</td>
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<td>World Population Day—Day to meditate on the social and environmental costs of overpopulation.</td>
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<td>Day Srebrenica, Bosnia, fell to attacking Serbs (1995), beginning a massacre of thousands of civilians because of their ethnicity and religion; vigil for religious tolerance and respect for the human rights of all in the Balkans.</td>
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<td>Day to meditate on the social costs of climate change.</td>
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<td>Day of Henry David Thoreau (1817), Transcendentalist and naturalist who believed in individualism and living simply in harmony with Nature.</td>
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<td>Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Kalimat—Sacred Words.</td>
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<td>Old Norse/Icelandic Mid-Summer Althingi—Community gathering for democratic decision making, Forseti and Tyr, Gods of Justice and Self-Sacrifice, were honored.</td>
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<td>Delta Aquarid Meteor Showers.</td>
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<td>Secular Humanism Day—Day to celebrate all life-affirming humanist, rationalist, and scientific belief systems.</td>
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<td>Birthday of Mary Baker Eddy (1821), founder of Christian Science, who honored Deity as Father-Mother God.</td>
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<td>Old Egyptian birthday feast of Neteret Isis—partner and true love of Osiris, and mother of Horus; guide of all wives, mothers, healers, advocates, and teachers.</td>
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<td>Day to mourn the excessive use of force by police officers; day to mourn racism in law enforcement.</td>
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<td>Day South Africa’s apartheid was internationally outlawed (1976); birthday of Nelson Mandela, non-violent anti-apartheid activist (1918).</td>
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<td>Old Egyptian festival marking the return to Egypt of Neteret Isis, Neter Osiris, and the rains that inundate the Nile River.</td>
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<td>Day the world’s first teaching. The Buddha taught the Eight Path to Enlightenment—right understanding, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right concentration.</td>
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<td>Day of Dr. Carl Gustav Jung (1875), founder of archetypal psychology, which explores universal concepts of Deity and their relation to the individual psyche.</td>
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<td>Christian feast of St. Anna, mother of Blessed Mary and grandmother of Blessed Jesus; guide of grandmothers and elderly women.</td>
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July Visible Planets:

Morning... Venus (twilight), Saturn (6/1-15), Uranus, Neptune. Evening... Mercury (twilight), Jupiter, Saturn (6/15-30). All Night/Opposition... Saturn (6/15).

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AUGUST

Seasonal Focus: height of Summer
Nature Focus: light, heat & ripening; vegetable, fruit & grain harvest; Summer storms
Psychological Focus: fullness, fruition & fulfillment — avoiding attachment to possessions, wealth, power & fame

### August Visible Planets:

Morning...Venus (twilight), Uranus, Neptune.

Evening...Mercury (twilight) (8/1-20), Jupiter, Saturn.

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**Goddess as Mother Nature...God as Father Time**

- Goddess as Evergreen Forests...God as Evergreen Forests...God as Deciduous Woodlands
- Goddess as Earthquakes & Volcanoes...God as Hurricanes & Thunderstorms
- Goddess as Defender of Rights & Liberties...God as the Equalizer

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**August Visible Planets:** Morning...Venus (twilight), Uranus, Neptune. Evening...Mercury (twilight) (8/1-20), Jupiter, Saturn.
Harvest (France 1846). 9/20 (1:30 a.m. EDT): New Moon. 9/20 to 9/23: Iroquois Squash Ceremony—in thanksgiving for the squash harvest. 9/20 eve to 9/22 eve: Rosh Hashanah/Jewish New Year (Year 5778)—Commemorates Creation of the World by Elohim, the one universal Deity; begins ten days of self-examination and penitence for harm done. 9/20 eve to 9/30 eve: Muharram/Muslim New Year (Year 1439) & A’ashurah. The Five Pillars of Islam are confession, prayer, alms-giving, fasting, and pilgrimage. 9/21: International Day of Peace—Day to demonstrate for peace with justice throughout the world. 9/21 to 9/30: Navaratri/Durga Puja—Hindu festival of Great Goddess Maha Devi as Durga, Protector of the Powerless; celebrates Her destruction of evil and restoration of cosmic order. 9/22 (4:02 p.m. EDT): Autumn Equinox—Marks the beginning of Autumn and point of equal daylight and darkness; celebrates the bounty of Mother Earth with feasting and aiding those in need. 9/22: Old Slavic Dozhinki—At the end of the grain harvest, God Jarilo betrays Goddess Morana, and he returns to the realm of the dead. Morana’s anger and sadness causes the world to become dark, cold, and dead. 9/22: Indigenous Peoples’ Day—Day for honoring Native Americans and their life-affirming spiritual traditions. 9/22: World Car-Free Day—Walk, bike, or take mass transit everywhere! 9/22: Day the world’s nations committed to protecting the sky’s ozone layer from harmful chemicals (1988); day to mourn continuing air pollution. 9/22 to 9/23: Coya Rayni–Inca festival honoring Moon Goddess Quilla; focus is on purging sickness and evil. 9/23: Beginning of Libra (the Scales of Lady Justice). 9/23: Taoist festival honoring the Shen of Winds, West, and Autumn; thanksgiving is made for the harvest. Taoists seek enlightenment and live in harmony with Nature. 9/23: Aki-no-Higan–Day Japanese Buddhists mark the time of change by meditating on the impermanence of life. 9/23: Vigil for freedom of religion in Saudi Arabia. 9/24: Yoruba/Santeria feast of Obatala, Orisha of Peace and Justice. 9/24: World Rivers Day—Immerse yourself and feel the flow of life. 9/25: Old Egyptian festival of Neter Amen-Ra-Atem, the Great God, and Neteret Amenet-Rait-Mut, the Great Goddess. 9/27: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Mashhijagat—Divine Will. 9/28: Birthday of Confucius (K’ung Fu-Tzu) (551 BCE). He taught that societal harmony could be realized when individuals acted with loving care for family, concern for friends and neighbors, benevolence to strangers, and respect for all. 9/28: Good Neighbor Day. 9/28 to 10/5: Navapad Olí–Jain period of fasting, recitation of holy scripture, and meditation. 9/29: Feast of Michael, Angel of Protection, and Uriel, Angel of Justice. 9/29 eve to 9/30 eve: Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement–Jewish day of fasting, prayer, reconciliation, making reparation for harm done, and helping those in need. 9/30: Christian feast of Hagia Sophia (Holy Wisdom), Soul of the Universe. 9/30: National Estuaries Day—Celebrate the beauty and life that lives where rivers meet the sea. 9/30: Birthday of Jalal ad-Din Rumi (1207). Sufi saint and poet. He believed the soul to be one with Deity, and thought ecstatic experience of Deity could be attained with music, whirling dance, and chanting Deity’s holy names. 9/30: Birthday of Elhanan Winchester (1751), Universalist who exhorted people to live of personal ethics and social reform.

Seasonal Focus: ending of Summer — beginning of Autumn
Nature Focus: ripeness; vegetable & fruit harvest
Psychological Focus: fullness, fruition & fulfillment — avoiding attachment to possessions, wealth, power & fame

SEPTEMBER

8/21 eve to 9/20 eve: Elul. 8/25 to 9/5: Ganesha Chaturthi. 8/31 eve to 9/3 eve: Eid al-Adha–Muslim festival of sacrifice to Allah for the good of all. 9/1: Day to commit to consumption changes to stop extinction, waste, overharvest, pollution, and climate change. 9/2: Mindfulness Day–Zen Buddhist day for being mindful that harm to the Earth and sentient beings results from ignorance of interdependence. 9/2 eve to 9/3 eve: Old Greek festival honoring Athena Polias and Zeus Polios as protectors of city and state. 9/3: Day gender discrimination was outlawed worldwide (1981); day to mourn all manifestations of sexism. 9/4: Labor Day–Day to reflect on the sacredness of all work and the value of ethical, meaningful employment. 9/6 (3:03 a.m. EDT): Full Moon (Harvest Moon). 9/6: Birthday of Efua Dorkenoo, mother of the global movement to end female genital mutilation (1949). 9/6: Day Latin American Catholic Bishops espoused Liberation Theology (1968). They believed that the Gospel requires Christians to aid the poor and oppressed in the struggle for economic and social justice. 9/6 to 9/14: Navajo Sing–Festival in thanksgiving for the harvest. Estsanatlehi/Changing Woman is believed to represent life, and is manifested in the harvest. 9/8 (OC 9/21): Birthday of Blessed Mary, catalyst of liberation and redemption. 9/8: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as ’Izzat—the Almighty. 9/8: Animal Day–Day to honor all creatures of the land and to meditate on Deity manifesting as animals. 9/8: Death day of Mother Ann Lee (1784), mystic and founder of the Shakers, who worshipped with ecstatic dance and song, and believed Deity to be Father, Son, Mother, and Daughter. 9/9: Christian feast of St. Joachim, father of Blessed Mary and grandfather of Blessed Jesus; guide of grandfathers and elderly men. 9/9 eve: Vigil for lost grandparents; night of mourning and healing. 9/10: Grandparents’ Day–Day to give love and thanks to all grandparents; day for all grandparents to celebrate their age and contemplate their sacred duty to share their wisdom with the young. 9/10: Birthday of Thomas Thayer (1812), Universalist who believed Deity to be at work in evolution and continuing Creation. 9/11: Day to mourn all victims of terrorism. 9/11 to 9/17: Green Building Week. 9/12 to 9/16: Zoroastrian celebration of Divine Spirit Spenta Armaiti, creator and protector of Earth. 9/13: Day to mourn the subjection of women and girls in the U.S. to gender-based violence. 9/13: Day Israelis and Palestinians committed to peaceful coexistence (1993); vigil for true peace, justice, religious tolerance, and human rights for all in the Middle East. 9/14: Birthday of Margaret Sanger (1883), non-violent advocate for education, autonomy, and responsibility concerning sexuality, reproduction, and birth control. 9/15: Democracy Day–Day to celebrate democratic systems of government throughout the world. 9/16: Day to recognize that the survival of humanity is dependent on preservation of the ozone layer. 9/16: International Coastal Cleanup Day. 9/17: Christian feast of St. Hildegard von Bingen (d. 1179), mystic who recognized the Holy Spirit to be the feminine aspect of the Holy Trinity, and found Her everywhere in Nature. 9/17: Constitution Day–Day the U.S. Constitution was signed (1787), ensuring that the U.S. would be a democracy governed by the rule of law. 9/19: Appearance of Our Lady of La Salette, Mother of the
September Visible Planets: Morning...Mercury (twilight) (9/4-28), Venus (twilight), Mars (9/12-30), Uranus, Neptune (9/1-5). Evening...Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune (9/5-30). All Night/Opposition...Neptune (9/5). Conjunction...Mercury & Mars (9/16).
OCTOBER

- Seasonal Focus: height of Autumn
- Nature Focus: cooling; leaves changing; completion of harvest; migration begins
- Psychological Focus: letting go & endings; purging anger & hate, fear, greed & egoism

- **9/28 to 10/5:** Navapad Oli. **10/1:** Vigil for freedom of religion in China. **10/1 eve to 10/2 eve:** Demokratia–Old Greek festival celebrating democracy, constitutional government, and justice under law. Zeus Agoraios, Athena Agoraios, and Themis were honored. **10/1 to 10/7:** World Wildlife Week–Time to celebrate wildlife in all its diversity. **10/2:** Feast of the Guardian Angels; day to honor one’s personal guardian and guide. **10/2:** Non-Violence Day–Day to assess your exposure to violence in all its forms and to purge it from your life. **10/2:** Birthday of Mahatma Mohandas Gandhi (1869), Hindu advocate for human rights and self-reliance, who practiced active non-violent resistance to injustice. Gandhi envisioned a world where women and untouched areas would be empowered and respected, and where members of all faiths would live harmoniously together. **10/2 eve to 10/11 eve:** Greater Eleusinian Mysteries–Old Greek festival recalling Sukkot/Feast of Ingathering–Jewish thanksgiving (10/22 peak): Orionid Meteor Showers.

- **10/9:** Feasts of the Norns (1972); day to mourn all civilian victims of war. **10/9 eve to 10/10 eve:** Ameratat; Lady of Fatima as spirits, going door to door for treats.

- **10/10:** New Year and feast of our Lady of Fatima as spirits, going door to door for treats. **10/10 eve to 10/11 eve:** Greater Eleusinian Mysteries–Old Greek festival recalling Goddess Demeter’s search for Her missing daughter Kore. **10/4:** Our Lady of Fatima as spirits, going door to door for treats. **10/4 eve to 10/5 eve:** Full Moon (Indigo/Wise-Crone Moon). **10/5:** Day honoring Zen Buddhist philosopher Bodhidharma (470-543), who believed one could attain Buddhahood by realizing one’s own Buddha nature. **10/5:** Mindfulness Day–Zen Buddhist day for being mindful that fear and hatred of others results from ignorance of interconnectedness. **10/7:** Vigil for peace, justice, and respect for the human rights of all in Afghanistan. **10/8:** Chinese Buddhist festival of Goddess Kuan Yin; celebrates Her attainment of Bodhisattvahood. **10/9:** Vigil for peace, justice, and respect for the human rights of all in Uganda, where the Lord’s Resistance Army commits abuses in the name of religion. **10/9:** Day to mourn the Pakistani Taliban’s attempted assassination of a 15-year-old girl because she advocated for the education of girls (2012). **10/11:** Birthday of Eleanor Roosevelt (1884), advocate for world-wide recognition of the rights of all. **10/11:** Opening of Vatican II Council, during which the Catholic Church committed to ecumenism, freedom of religion, and social justice (1962). **10/11 eve to 10/12 eve:** Shemini Atzeret/Feast of Assembly–Jewish festival of prayer and thanksgiving for life-giving rain. **10/12 (Obs. 10/9):** Columbus Day–Commemorates Europeans’ colonization of America (1492); day to mourn Native American victims of conquest and oppression (past and present), make peace, and celebrate empowerment of Native Americans. **10/12:** Day the first woman was ordained a Methodist minister in the U.S. (1880). **10/12 eve to 10/13 eve:** Simchat Torah/Rejoicing with the Torah–Jewish festival celebrating the Torah. **10/12 to 10/16:** Zoroastrian celebration of Divine Spirit Amertat, creator and protector of vegetation. **10/13:** Final appearance of Our Lady of Fatima, Lady of Oracles and Miracles (Portugal 1917). **10/14:** Fall Migratory Bird Day. **10/14 to 10/28 (10/21):** Old Norse Winter Nights Feast–The ancestors were remembered and offerings were made to the Deities (particularly the Norns, Freyja, and the Disir) to survive the season. **10/16:** Baba’i feast honoring the one Deity as ‘ilm–Knowledge. **10/16:** World Food Day–Day to recognize the necessity of affordable, healthy, and environmentally-sustainable food; day to advocate for adequate food for all. **10/16 eve to 10/17 eve:** Old Greek festival honoring Gaia and the Nymphs (the male and female Spirits of Nature). **10/16 to 10/19:** Diwali/Lunar New Year/Festival of Lights–Hindu festival for Goddess Lakshmi (source of health, fertility, and prosperity) and Her consort, God Vishnu (the preserver); focus on peace-making and new beginnings. **10/17:** Old Egyptian feast of Neteter Hathor, Goddess of Fate. **10/17:** Shukatsu Matsuri–Shinto rite offering thanks and first fruits of the rice harvest to the Kami. **10/18:** Day the Clean Water Act was enacted (1972); day to give thanks for the water we drink. **10/18 eve to 10/26 eve (10/22 peak):** Orionid Meteor Showers. **10/19 (3:12 p.m. EDT):** New Moon. **10/19:** Kali Puja–Hindu festival honoring Great Goddess Maha Devi as Kali–deacy, death, and transformation. **10/19 eve to 10/20:** Old European feast of the Triple Goddess (Goddess of the Moon and the Seasons), marking the transformation of the Mother into the Crone. **10/20:** Day the Granth Sahib (Adi Granth), the holy scripture of the Sikhs, was recognized as eternal guru (1708). Sikhs believe the infinite and formless Deity should be sought within one’s self. **10/21:** Day military attacks on civilians were outlawed world-wide (1950); day to mourn all civilian victims of war. **10/21:** Day the Marine Mammal Protection Act was enacted to protect marine mammals from harassment, hunting, capture, and killing (1972). **10/23:** Beginning of Scorpio (the Scorpion). **10/23:** Vigil for peace, justice, and respect for the human rights of all in Libya. **10/24:** Our Lady of Fatima as spirits, going door to door for treats. **10/25:** Jnana Panchami–Day that Jainas celebrate knowledge, education, and holy books with recitations, meditation, and worship. **10/25 eve to 10/26 eve:** Prerogoria–Old Greek festival in which fruits of all the harvest were offered to Goddess Demeter. **10/28:** Day the world’s nations committed to biodiversity and ecosystem conservation (1982). **10/28 to 11/3:** Isa–Old Romano-Egyptian festival recalling Set (God of Destruction) killing God Osiris; Goddess Isis mourning Him, resurrecting Him, and conceiving God Horus with Him; and Osiris becoming Lord of Amenta, realm of the dead. **10/30 eve to 11/2 eve:** Thesmophoria–Old Greek festival commemorating Goddess Kore eloping to Elysium with God Dionysos, accompanied by Goddess Hekate and spirits of the dead. **10/31:** Day to mourn the women tortured and killed as “witches” because of their independence, wealth, wisdom, or religion. **10/31 eve:** Halloween–Night that the dead return to visit their families; celebrated by children, dressed as spirits, going door to door for treats. **10/31 eve to 11/2 eve:** Samhain–Old Celtic/Welsh New Year and feast of Ceridwen (Goddess of Death) and Beli (the Holly King–God of the Waning Sun). **10/31 eve to 11/7 eve:** Mid-Autumn/Day of the Dead/Halloween.
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GODDESS AS OWL / MIGRATING BIRDS ... GOD AS IBIS / DYING CREATURES
NOVEMBER

Seasonal Focus: height of Autumn
Nature Focus: darkness & cooling; leaves falling; hibernation begins; decay & death
Psychological Focus: letting go & endings; purging anger & hurt, hate & fear, greed & egoism

10/28 to 11/3: Isia. 10/30 eve to 11/2 eve: Thesmophoria. 10/31 eve to 11/2 eve: Samhain.
10/31 eve to 11/7 eve: Mid-Autumn/Day of the Dead/Halloween—Festival marking the transformation of life to death—the end of the agricultural year, departure of migrating and hibernating animals, and decay and death of vegetal and animal life. Observed by remembering departed ancestors and contemplating one’s own mortality. 11/1: All Saints Day—Day Christians remember all the virtuous dead, known and unknown. 11/2: Aztec Day of the Dead—Day for honoring the departed and Mictlanchihuitl-Mictlanecuhtli, Goddess-God of the Dead. Aztecs believe all Gods are united in Great God Ometeuctli, all Goddesses are united in Great Goddess Ometecuhtli, and the Great God and Goddess are united in Ometeotl. 11/2: Hopi & Zuni Ancestors’ Day—Food offerings are put into rivers and lakes in honor of the ancestors. 11/2: All Souls Day—Day Christians remember all the beloved dead. 11/2: Day the first openly gay man was consecrated an Episcopal bishop (2003).
11/3: World Community Day—Day for celebrating the unity behind diversity and remembering we are all one people—all children of the one universal Deity of many names and aspects. 11/3: Christian feast of St. Martin of Porres (d. 1639), healer and advocate of social equality and inter-ethnic harmony; guide of healers and human rights activists. 11/4 (1:23 a.m. EDT): Full Moon (Wolf/Hunting Moon). 11/4: Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for mindfully seeing and acting with compassion for the Earth and all creatures.
11/4: Bahá’í feast honoring the one Deity as Qudrat—Divine Power. 11/4: Day commemorating the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib (1469), founder of the Sikh faith. Sikhs attempt to merge the human spirit with the Divine Spirit by reciting Akal Purakh, one of Deity’s sacred names. 11/5 (2:00 a.m.): Daylight Savings Time ends—set clocks back 1 hour. 11/6: Day a Muslim woman first defied a ban on women entering the mosque by the front door and praying in the main hall (2003). 11/7: Election Day—remember to vote! 11/7 eve to 11/10 eve: Apaturia—Old Greek festival in which newcomers and children were welcomed into the community. 11/8: Birthday of Dorothy Day (1897), activist for peace, economic justice, and workers’ rights. 11/9: Birthday of Fr. Thomas Berry (1914), Catholic priest, eco-theologian, and cosmologist, who advocated for deep ecology and eco-spirituality. 11/9 eve: Krystallnacht—Night of the Nazi attacks on Jewish homes, synagogues, and shops in Germany, beginning the persecution that would end with the deaths of six million Jews (1938); night for meditating on the evil of all religion-based hatred. 11/10: Lha Bah Duchen—Day Tibetan Buddhists celebrate the Buddha’s descent from heaven after teaching the Dharma there. 11/10: Birthday of Martin Luther (1483), Christian reformer who rejected blind obedience to religious authority and recognized the priesthood of all believers. 11/11: Veterans Day—Day to honor all warriors who have defended us against evil of all kinds. 11/11: Death day of Lucretia Mott (1880), Quaker preacher and non-violent advocate for the rights of women and African Americans. 11/11 to 11/17: Old Anglo-Teutonic fast marking Hod (God of Darkness) unintentionally killing Balder (God of Light), and his true love Nanna (Goddess of Flowers) dying of a broken heart. The dead were honored. 11/12: Birthday of Sr. Juana Inés de la Cruz (1651), Catholic nun and feminist poet. 11/12: Birthday of Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815), non-violent advocate for women’s rights. 11/12 to 11/15: Tewa Buffalo Dance—focused on healing. Tewa rites honor Mother Earth, Father Sky, and the four directions and elements of life—air of the North, fire of the South, earth of the East, and water of the West. 11/13: Kindness Day—Day for practicing random acts of kindness to strangers, and for committing to make kindness the basis for all encounters every day. 11/14 eve to 11/20 eve (11/17 peak): Leonid Meteor Showers. 11/15: America Recycles Day—Day to begin systematically recycling. 11/16: Tolerance Day—Day to promote harmony in diversity through mutual respect and understanding of all. 11/16: Fast for an Abundant World Harvest—Day to fast and commit to action to help prevent deaths from malnourishment worldwide. 11/16: Great American Smokeout—Day to give up smoking to preserve one’s own health and the health of loved ones. 11/16: Birthday of Orello Cone (1835), Universalist who believed that divine revelation comes from many sources. 11/16: Day the world’s nations agreed to protect the oceans and their creatures from pollution and over-harvest (1994); day to mourn continuing pollution and over-harvest. 11/18 (6:42 a.m. EST): New Moon. 11/18 eve to 11/19 eve: Remembrance day for Rabi’ a-bint Isma’il ‘Adawiya (717-801), Sufi saint and preacher; she loved Deity passionately. Sufis seek Truth through love, wisdom, and action. 11/18 to 12/1: Hopi & Zuni Shalako Festival—welcoming back to the pueblo the Kachinas/Kokos—Spirits of Nature and the ancestors that provide protection, health, fertility, and food. 11/20: Remembrance day for Meister Johannes Eckhart (d. 1328), Christian mystic. He taught the four ways of the mystic’s journey—the creating, positive, negating, and transformative ways. 11/20: Transgender Remembrance Day—Day to mourn those killed because of their transgender identity. 11/22: Beginning of Sagittarius (the Hunter/Huntress). 11/23: Thanksgiving Day—Day to give thanks for the abundance of our land and for our food, clothes, shelter, and health. 11/23: Bahá’í feast honoring the one Deity as Qaylat—Sacred Speech. 11/25: Yoruba/Santería feast of Oya, Orisha of Death and Rebirth. 11/25: Day to raise awareness of the immorality (and illegality) of violence against women and girls world-wide. 11/26: Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on Bodhisattva Goddess White Tara, who guides the dead to Buddha Amitabha’s Pure Land, where all will find salvation. 11/26: Death day of Sojourner Truth (1883), Christian preacher and non-violent advocate for the rights of women and African Americans. 11/28: Birthday of William Blake (1757), artist, poet, and mystic, who recognized the unity of all religions. 11/28: Day the Women’s Ordination Conference opened, advocating the ordination of women priests in the Catholic Church (1975). 11/29: Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People—Vigil for recognition of the state of Palestine and for recognition of all human rights of all its citizens (whether Muslim, Jewish, or Christian). 11/29 eve to 11/30 eve: Mawlid al-Nabi—Day commemorating the birth of Muslim Prophet Muhammad (570). He conceived Deity to be a compassionate, genderless unity.

* Creation Spirituality Path: via negativa (the negating way — dealing with challenges and suffering)
* Kabbalistic Focus: Gevurah (Daughter Heh; Matronit; Lilith): Justice, Judgment & Conscience; Chaos & Destructive Power
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**November Visible Planets:** Morning...Venus (twilight) (11/1-28), Mars, Jupiter (11/9-30). Evening...Mercury (twilight), Saturn, Uranus, Neptune. Conjunction...Venus & Jupiter (11/13), Mercury & Saturn (11/28).
DECEMBER

Seasonal Focus: ending of Autumn — beginning of Winter
Nature Focus: darkness & cold; bare trees & fallow fields; hibernation & migration; death
Psychological Focus: inner reflection; struggle against evil — within & without

12/1: World AIDS Day—Day to pray for healing of all those suffering with AIDS and HIV. 
12/2: Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for mindfully seeing and acting with compassion for the poor and oppressed. 
12/3 (10:47 a.m. EST): Full Moon (Snow/Fire Moon). 
12/3 to 12/24 (OC 11/28 to 1/6): Advent/Festival of Lights—Christian vigil for the birth of the Cosmic Christ. Advent candles are lit. 
12/4: Yoruba/Santeria feast of Orisha Shango, Defender Against Evil. 
12/7 eve to 12/15 eve (12/14 peak): Geminid Meteor Showers. 
12/8: Christian feast celebrating St. Anna’s conception of Blessed Mary. 
12/8: Death day of Abu Hamid al-Ghazali (1111), Sufi saint who taught about unity of the soul with the one universal Deity of 99 names and attributes. 
12/8: Day Hindu leaders exhorted Hindus to Earth-friendly living, personal frugality, lower power consumption, alternative energy, sustainable food production, and vegetarianism to avert climate change (2009). 
12/9: Anti-Corruption Day—Day to peacefully demonstrate for government transparency, checks on government powers, and uniform enforcement of law. 
12/10: Birthday of John Murray (1741), Trinitarian Universalist who believed that Jesus died to save all humanity, not just Christians. 
12/10: Day the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted, and fundamental rights were recognized world-wide (1948). 
12/10: Day the Catholic Church prohibited Catholics from attempting to convert Jews, concluding Jews have been granted salvation by God without belief in Jesus (2015). 
12/11: Day to mourn the harm done by the Mexican drug cartels. 
12/12: Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on Bodhisattva Deities Manjusri and Prajna-Paramita, consciousness and empowerment of Wisdom. 
12/12: First appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of God and Mother of the Oppressed, at the former shrine of Aztec Moon Goddess Coatzico (Mexico 1531). 
12/12: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Masa’il—Mystery. 
12/12 eve to 12/20 eve: Hanukkah/ Festival of Lights—Jewish festival commemorating a victory in their struggle for religious freedom and rededication of the second Temple of Jerusalem to Elohim. Menorah candles are lit. 
12/13: Feast of the Light-bringer—honoring Goddess as Juno Lucina (Old Roman) & Lucia (Old Swedish); merged with the Christian feast of St. Lucia. 
12/14: Christian feast of St. John of the Cross (d. 1591), whose suffering—for advocating church reform—generated mystical union with Deity. 
12/15: Old Egyptian festival of Neteret Amenet-Ra-it-Mut, the primordial Great Mother. 
12/15: Day the Bill of Rights became part of the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing fundamental rights to all (1791). 
12/15: Death day of Fr. Pavel Florensky (1943), Orthodox Christian mystic who taught that Holy Wisdom is Our Mother, the Holy Spirit, third part of the Holy Trinity. 
12/15: Day the Catholic Church silenced Fr. Matthew Fox for teaching Creation Spirituality (1988); day to mourn the silencing of all religious dissenters and reformers. 
12/17: Yoruba/Santeria feast of Orisha Babalu Aye, Healer of Deadly Diseases. 
12/17: Day the Clean Air Act was enacted (1963); day to give thanks for the air we breathe. 
12/17 to 12/23: Saturnalia/Opalia—Old Roman festival honoring God Saturn (the weak Sun) & Goddess Ops (the fallow Earth); celebrated with gift-giving, revelry, and abolishment of all class distinctions. 
12/17 eve to 12/24 eve (12/22 peak): Ursid Meteor Showers. 
12/18 (1:31 a.m. EST): New Moon. 
12/18: Day the U.S. Constitution's 13th Amendment went into effect, outlawing all slavery (1865). 
12/19 to 12/25: Christmas Truce—Time to cease all forms of conflict (at least temporarily), extend a greeting to your adversary, and raise a glass for peace. 
12/20 eve to 12/21 eve: Feast of Old Greek Goddess Athena—as protector and defender. 
12/21 (11:28 a.m. EST): Winter Solstice/Solar New Year—Marks the beginning of Winter and the shortest day and longest night of the year; celebration of the darkness with dancing near the hearth fire. 
12/21 to 12/22: Old European Festival of Evergreen Trees; merged into International Arbor Day. Celebrated by planting trees and hanging wreaths (symbols of eternal life). 
12/21 to 12/25: Old Romano-Egyptian festival of Goddess Isis giving birth to God Horus. 
12/21 to 1/9: Hopi & Zuni Soyla New Year Festival of purification and renewal. 
12/22: Beginning of Capricorn (the Goat). 
12/22: Taoist festival honoring Wang-Mu/Empress Mother, Mother of Compassion and Wisdom, and manifestation of the Tao (Cosmic Power of Creation and Destruction). Also celebrates the peak of the feminine Yin half of the year and the Shen of Earth, North, and Winter; prayers are made for rest and renewal, and offerings are made to the Cosmos. 
12/22: Birthday of Lily Montagu (1873), who co-founded Liberal Judaism in 1902. She was the first Jewish woman to serve as lay minister, both officiating and preaching. 
12/24 eve: Mother Night–Christian vigil for the laboring Blessed Mary. 
12/25 (OC 1/7): Christmas—Christian celebration of Blessed Mother Mary giving birth to Child Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. 
12/25 to 1/5: Yule–Old Anglo-Teutonic festival honoring Freyr and Freyja (Deities of Fertility) and the newborn Balder (God of Light), son of Frigg and Odin. 
12/26: Day commemorating the death of Zoroastrian Prophet Zarathustra (551 BCE). 
12/26 to 1/1: Kwanzaa–Festival celebrating positive African traditions. 
12/28: Day the first woman was ordained a Catholic priest—without Vatican authority (1970). 
12/28: Day the Endangered Species Act was enacted (1973); day to mourn those creatures already extinct. 
12/28: Day an Islamic court ruled female genital mutilation to be un-Islamic and banned the practice (1997). 
12/28 eve to 12/29 eve: Day commemorating the death of Abdul Qadir Jilani (1166), Sufi saint who was renown for his compassion, particularly for the poor. 
12/29: Day Guatemala’s 36-year civil war ended (1996); vigil for true peace, justice, and respect for the human rights of all in Central America. 
12/31: Ohara/Grand Purification Festival–Shinto rite exorcising evil from the world. Devotees are purified from offenses committed. 
12/31: Yoruba/Santeria festival of Orisha Yemaya, Mother of the Sun and Moon. 
12/31: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Sharaf–Honor. 
12/31: Feast of Father Time, who ultimately overcomes us all. 
12/31 to 1/4: Zoroastrian celebration of Divine Spirit Vohu Manah, creator and protector of animals. 
12/31 eve: New Year’s Eve–Vigil for the new year; night for self evaluation and resolving to better oneself.
December Visible Planets: Morning...Mercury (twilight) (12/19-31), Mars, Jupiter. Evening...Mercury (twilight) (12/1-7), Saturn (12/1-5), Uranus, Neptune.

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Goddess as the dark moon ... God as the re-birthing sun

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Goddess as the evergreen tree ... God as the snow

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Goddess as birthing mother ... God as newborn child

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Goddess as the bear mother ... God as the bear cub

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December Visible Planets: Morning...Mercury (twilight) (12/19-31), Mars, Jupiter. Evening...Mercury (twilight) (12/1-7), Saturn (12/1-5), Uranus, Neptune.
January Experiential Meditations
- New Moon: Alone in a completely dark room or cave, mindfully sit still and silent. Experience Deity with all your senses: all that you see, smell, hear, taste, and touch; recognize the oneness of all. Meditation: personal transformation.
- Waxing Moon: Alone in a completely dark room or cave, chant names or attributes of Deity (or play gentle wordless music), while swaying gently to the music. Meditation: peace and healing for all.
- Full Moon: Alone in a completely dark room or cave, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while swaying exuberantly. Meditation: respect and compassion for all.
- Waning Moon: Alone in a completely dark room or cave, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

January Empowering Meditation*
Confront the Negative Voice that insists that your qualities don’t exist. View yourself from the perspective of the all-knowing Deity. Recognize you are sacred. Affirm the existence of your positive qualities. Affirm you are equal to others, intelligent, capable, compassionate, and lovable.

* The Negative Voice (whether internalized or projected from predatory people or patriarchal society) reflects harmful ways of thinking. A Positive Response is necessary to defeat the Negative Voice.

January Art As Meditation
- Explore the music, dance, and art of Tibet/China/East Asia/Buddhism/Taoism/Shinto.
- Express yourself and honor Deity by creating art to represent the future.

January Action Offerings
- Heal and nurture your relationship with yourself.
- Volunteer to work at a hospital, clinic, or hospice.
- Donate blood and sign up to be an organ donor.
- Write to legislators and the media in support of strengthening and aggressively enforcing laws against religion-based discrimination and harassment.
- Get involved in a group promoting religious tolerance and understanding.

February Experiential Meditations
- New Moon: Alone with a candle in an otherwise dark room, mindfully sit still and silent. Experience Deity with all your senses: all that you see, smell, hear, taste, and touch; recognize the oneness of all. Meditation: personal transformation.
- Waxing Moon: Alone with a candle in an otherwise dark room, chant names or attributes of Deity (or play gentle wordless music), while moving gently to the music. Meditation: peace and healing for all.
- Full Moon: Alone with a candle in an otherwise dark room, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while dancing exuberantly. Meditation: respect and compassion for all.
- Waning Moon: Alone with a candle in an otherwise dark room, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

February Empowering Meditation
Confront the Negative Voice that dwells on, or magnifies the importance of, your negative qualities, actions, and experiences. Evaluate it from the perspective of the all-knowing Deity. Focus on your positive qualities, actions, and experiences.

February Art As Meditation
- Explore the music, dance, and art of indigenous Africa.
- Express yourself and honor Deity by creating art to represent reconciliation and peacemaking.

February Action Offerings
- Heal and nurture relationships with your children.
- Do “Spring” cleaning and give unneeded items to local charities.
- Avoid patronizing TV programs, music, films, magazines, books, products, and companies that are racist.
- Get involved with a group promoting ethnic equality and multiculturalism.
- Write to legislators and the media in support of affirmative action programs, which combat racism’s effects and serve as reparation for past and present racism.
**April Experiential Meditations**

- New Moon: Alone in a flower garden at night, mindfully sit still and silent. Experience Deity with all your senses: what you can see, smell, hear, taste, and touch; recognize the oneness of all. Meditation: personal transformation.
- Waxing Moon: Alone in a flower garden at night, chant names or attributes of Deity (or play gentle wordless music), while moving gently to the music. Meditation: peace and healing for all.
- Full Moon: Alone near a body of water at night, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while dancing exuberantly. Meditation: respect and compassion for all.
- Waning Moon: Alone near a body of water at mid-day, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

**April Empowering Meditation**

Confront the Negative Voice that concludes that someone doesn’t like you, is sexist/racist, or is otherwise thinking negatively, without any objective proof. Recognize that you are projecting a negative motivation. Affirm “I don’t really know what he/she is thinking. He/she is probably not hostile toward me.”

**April Art As Meditation**

- Explore the music, dance, and art of indigenous Oceania.
- Express yourself and honor Deity by creating art to represent healing.

**April Action Offerings**

- Heal and nurture relationships with your father and father-in-law.
- Start an organic garden to cultivate fruits and vegetables.
- Organize a party to plant trees in your neighborhood or a local park.
- Organize a party to clean up a river, lake, or beach.
- Write to your congressmen/women in support of stronger laws to protect fish from being harvested above the maximum sustainable yield.

**May Experiential Meditations**

- New Moon: Alone in a flower garden at night, mindfully sit still and silent. Experience Deity with all your senses: what you can see, smell, hear, taste, and touch; recognize the oneness of all. Meditation: personal transformation.
- Waxing Moon: Alone in a flower garden at mid-day, chant names or attributes of Deity (or play gentle wordless music), while moving gently to the music. Meditation: peace and healing for all.
- Full Moon: Alone in a flower garden at night, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while dancing exuberantly. Meditation: respect and compassion for all.
- Waning Moon: Alone in a flower garden at mid-day, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

**May Empowering Meditation**

Confront the Negative Voice that urges you to hate, to be disrespectful, or to cause harm to others. Evaluate it from the perspective of the all-knowing Deity. Recognize the harm these cause to yourself as well as others. Recognize others are sacred.

**May Art As Meditation**

- Explore the music, dance, and art of indigenous/Hispanic Central and South America.
- Express yourself and honor Deity by creating art to represent compassionate love.

**May Action Offerings**

- Heal and nurture your relationship with your spouse/partner.
- With your spouse, review, amend, and renew your wedding vows to reflect an egalitarian partnership marriage based on mutual love, respect, commitment, and cooperation, in which all power and responsibility is shared and all property held in common.
- Volunteer at a domestic violence shelter to help those victimized by the patriarchal model of marriage based on male power and female obedience.
- Write to legislators and the media in support of mandatory arrest, jail time, and counseling for domestic violence abusers.

**June Experiential Meditations**

- New Moon: Alone on a hill at night, mindfully sit still and silent. Experience Deity with all your senses: what you can see, smell, hear, taste, and touch; recognize the oneness of all. Meditation: personal transformation.
- Waxing Moon: Alone on a hill on a sunny day, chant names or attributes of Deity (or play gentle wordless music), while moving gently to the music. Meditation: peace and healing for all.
- Full Moon: Alone on a hill at night, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while dancing exuberantly. Meditation: respect and compassion for all.
- Waning Moon: Alone on a hill on a sunny day, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

**June Empowering Meditation**

Confront the Negative Voice that dwells on, or magnifies the importance of, the negative, the evil, and the ugliness in the world. Evaluate it from the perspective of the all-knowing Deity. Focus on the positive, the good, and the beauty in the world. Recognize all is sacred.

**June Art As Meditation**

- Explore the music, dance, and art of Renaissance/Classical Europe.
- Express yourself and honor Deity by creating art to represent compassion.

**June Action Offerings**

- Heal and nurture relationships with your siblings.
- Volunteer to work at a local homeless shelter or soup kitchen.
- Ask local officials to set aside land for a community garden to enable the poor and others to grow their own fruits and vegetables.
- Write to your congressmen/women in support of stronger laws to protect forests from being logged above the maximum sustainable yield or in ways that destroy bio-diversity.
- Write to your congressmen/women in support of stronger laws to prevent water pollution and to require clean-up of polluted waters.
Alone in a vegetable garden at night, mindfully sit still and silent. Experience Deity with all your senses: what you can see, smell, hear, taste, and touch; recognize the oneness of all. Meditation: personal transformation.

Waxing Moon: Alone in a wheat or corn field at mid-day, chant names or attributes of Deity (or play gentle wordless music), while moving gently to the music. Meditation: peace and healing for all.

Full Moon: Alone in a wheat or corn field at night, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while dancing exuberantly. Meditation: respect and compassion for all.

Waning Moon: Alone in a wheat or corn field at mid-day, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

July Empowering Meditation
Confront the Negative Voice that tells you your performance must be perfect or it is a total failure. Focus on the positive aspects of your performance. Affirm that even an imperfect effort is valuable in itself and necessary for the learning process. Keep trying.

July Art As Meditation
Explore American Folk/Blues/Jazz/Cajun/Soul/Gospel/New Age music and dance.
Express yourself and honor Deity by creating art to represent fruition and fulfillment.

July Action Offerings
Heal and nurture relationships with your friends.
Organize a party to clean up your neighborhood or a local park.
Write to public officials and the media in support of expanded public parks and wild animal, bird, and marine sanctuaries.
Write your congressmen/women in support of expanded protections of endangered species and their habitats.
Write your congressmen/women in support of stronger laws to prevent air pollution, depletion of the ozone layer, and global warming.

August Experiential Meditations
New Moon: Alone in a wheat or corn field at night, mindfully sit still and silent. Experience Deity with all your senses: what you can see, smell, hear, taste, and touch; recognize the oneness of all. Meditation: personal transformation.
Waxing Moon: Alone out on a windy or stormy day, chant names or attributes of Deity (or play gentle wordless music), while moving gently to the music. Meditation: peace and healing for all.
Full Moon: Alone out on a windy or stormy day, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while dancing exuberantly. Meditation: respect and compassion for all.
Waning Moon: Alone out on a windy or stormy day, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

August Empowering Meditation
Confront the Negative Voice that tells you a single negative event reflects a never-ending pattern of defeat. Put the negative into perspective; focus on positive events and accomplishments. Keep trying.

August Art As Meditation
Explore the music, dance, and art of South Asia/Hinduism.
Express yourself and honor Deity by creating art to represent non-attachment to possessions.

August Action Offerings
Heal and nurture relationships with your co-workers and neighbors.
Avoid patronizing TV programs, music, films, magazines, books, products, and companies that promote or glorify violence.
Get involved with a group that advocates banning personal use and sale of all guns not appropriate for hunting.
Learn and promote methods of peaceful dispute resolution and weaponless self defense.
Get involved with a group that advocates recognition and enforcement of fundamental rights and liberties of all, throughout the world.

August Empowering Meditation
Waxing Moon: Alone out on a windy or stormy day, chant names or attributes of Deity (or play gentle wordless music), while moving gently to the music. Meditation: personal transformation.
Full Moon: Alone out on a windy or stormy day, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while dancing exuberantly. Meditation: peace and healing for all.
Waning Moon: Alone out on a windy or stormy day, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

September Experiential Meditations
New Moon: Alone in a vegetable garden at night, mindfully sit still and silent. Experience Deity with all your senses: what you can see, smell, hear, taste, and touch; recognize the oneness of all. Meditation: personal transformation.
Waxing Moon: Alone in a vegetable garden at mid-day, chant names or attributes of Deity (or play gentle wordless music), while moving gently to the music. Meditation: peace and healing for all.
Full Moon: Alone in a vegetable garden at night, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while dancing exuberantly. Meditation: respect and compassion for all.
Waning Moon: Alone in a vegetable garden at mid-day, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

September Empowering Meditation
Confront the Negative Voice that anticipates that things will turn out badly, and treats the prediction as an established fact. Recognize that you are sabotaging yourself with a self-fulfilling prophecy. Affirm “I don’t really know how it will turn out; I will try to make it turn out well.”

September Art As Meditation
Explore the music, dance, and art of Native Americans.
Express yourself and honor Deity by creating art to represent Thanksgiving.

September Action Offerings
Heal and nurture relationships with your grandparents and grandchildren.
Do a simple family ritual to give thanks for your harvested fruits and vegetables. Share your harvest with family, friends, and local soup kitchens for the homeless.
Get involved with a group that advocates equal opportunity in employment, subsidized retraining for the unemployed, a living wage, and pro-family working conditions—such as health care, day care, and reasonable and flexible hours.
Get involved with a group that aids victims of famine, disease, and other natural calamities.
### October Experiential Meditations
- **New Moon**: Alone in a grove of deciduous trees at night, mindfully sit still and silent. Experience Deity with all your senses: what you can see, smell, hear, taste, and touch; recognize the oneness of all. Meditation: personal transformation.
- **Waxing Moon**: Alone in a grove of deciduous trees at mid-day, chant names or attributes of Deity (or play gentle wordless music), while moving gently to the music. Meditation: peace and healing for all.
- **Full Moon**: Alone in a grove of deciduous trees at night, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while dancing exuberantly. Meditation: respect and compassion for all.
- **Waning Moon**: Alone in a grove of deciduous trees at mid-day, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

### October Empowering Meditation
Confront the Negative Voice that says others are the cause of some event, which you were, in fact, responsible for. View the situation from the perspective of the all-knowing Deity. Affirm “I am responsible for all I do, good and bad. No one else is.”

### October Art As Meditation
- Explore the music, dance, and art of the Middle East/Judaism/Kabbalism/Islam/Sufism/Baha’ism.
- Express yourself and honor Deity by creating art to represent purged anger and hurt.

### October Action Offerings
- Heal and nurture relationships with animals; if you can, adopt a homeless animal.
- Get involved with a group that helps protect animals from human abuses.
- Volunteer to tutor a child at a local school.
- Get involved with an organization that promotes literacy.
- Get involved with a group that advocates equal opportunity in education.
- Get involved with a group that advocates fully-funded public schools free of all religious ideology and practice.

### November Experiential Meditations
- **New Moon**: Alone in a cemetery at night, mindfully sit still and silent. Experience Deity with all your senses: what you can see, smell, hear, taste, and touch; recognize the oneness of all. Meditation: personal transformation.
- **Waxing Moon**: Alone in a cemetery at mid-day, chant names or attributes of Deity (or play gentle wordless music), while moving gently to the music. Meditation: peace and healing for all.
- **Full Moon**: Alone in a cemetery at night, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while dancing exuberantly. Meditation: respect and compassion for all.
- **Waning Moon**: Alone in a cemetery at mid-day, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

### November Empowering Meditation
Confront the Negative Voice that says you are the cause of some negative event, which you were not, in fact, responsible for. View the situation from the perspective of the all-knowing Deity. Affirm “I am not responsible for the acts of others.”

### November Art As Meditation
- Explore the music, dance, and art of the Caribbean.
- Express yourself and honor Deity by creating art to represent justice and struggles against evil.

### November Action Offerings
- Make peace with those who died while you were estranged with them.
- Do a simple family ritual to honor all ancestors and friends who have died.
- Simplify your lifestyle: reduce consumption; reuse, maintain, and repair what you can; avoid disposable, non-recycled, and non-recyclable products.
- Begin recycling regularly at home, and ask those in your neighborhood, and at your work, school, and place of worship to start recycling programs.
- Start a compost for all your biodegradable waste to help life come from death.

### December Experiential Meditations
- **New Moon**: Alone in a grove of evergreen trees at night, mindfully sit still and silent. Experience Deity with all your senses: what you can see, smell, hear, taste, and touch; recognize the oneness of all. Meditation: personal transformation.
- **Waxing Moon**: Alone in a grove of evergreen trees at mid-day, chant names or attributes of Deity (or play gentle wordless music), while moving gently to the music. Meditation: peace and healing for all.
- **Full Moon**: Alone in a grove of evergreen trees at night, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while dancing exuberantly. Meditation: respect and compassion for all.
- **Waning Moon**: Alone in a grove of evergreen trees at mid-day, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

### December Empowering Meditation
Confront the Negative Voice that tries to motivate you to reach unreasonable goals or sexist expectations with “shoulds” or “should nots.” Affirm “It’s healthy/unhealthy for me to do this, and I want to be healthy,” or “It’s respectful/harmful for me to do that, and I want to be respectful.”

### December Art As Meditation
- Explore the music, dance, and art of Medieval Europe/Christian mysticism.
- Express yourself and honor Deity by creating art to represent the past.

### December Action Offerings
- Heal and nurture relationships with your extended family, in-laws, and any ex-spouse.
- Organize a food drive for the local food bank.
- Buy gift certificates from local soup kitchens or fast food restaurants to give to the homeless who ask you for help.
- Put out seed to feed birds and other wild animals.
- Buy a living evergreen tree to celebrate the holidays, and plant it in the yard or a local park afterwards.
- Gather family or friends to sing at a seniors’ home, hospital, or hospice.