A Multifaith Calendar Reflecting Eco-Egalitarian Spirituality

THE MYSTIC’S Wheel of the Year

2019
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 is evil. Thus, sexism, racism, religious bigotry, homophobia, is to do evil. The good and evil one does will return to the doer as reward and reparation made. Eco-Egalitarian Spirituality emphasizes a fundamental duty to respect all and harm none. Each person is valued as unique and as a child, temple, and part of Deity. 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!
Seasonal Focus: depths of Winter
Nature Focus: darkness & cold; bare trees & fallow fields; hibernation & migration; death; Winter snows
Psychological Focus: inner reflection; struggle against evil — within & without

1/1: New Year’s Day (Gregorian Calendar).
1/2 to 1/9: Hopi & Zuni Soyola New Year Festival of purification and renewal.
1/25 to 1/5: Yule—Old Anglo-Teutonic festival honoring God Freyr, Goddess Freyja, and God Balder.
1/31 to 1/4: Zoroastrian celebration of Divine Spirit Vohu Manah, creator and protector of animals. Vohu Manah is one of seven male and female divine emanations of Deity Ahura Mazda.
1/1: World Peace Day–Day to meditate for peace throughout the world.
1/1: Ethics Day–Day to commit to cultivating personal honor.
1/1: Day the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect freeing Confederate slaves (1863); day to mourn African victims of slavery and racism (past and present), make peace, and celebrate empowerment of African Americans.
1/1: Day the first woman was ordained an Episcopalian priest in the U.S. (1977).
1/1: Day Pope John Paul II exhorted Christians to respect Nature, to preserve natural resources, and to stop environmental destruction (1990).
1/1 to 1/4: Tewa Turtle Dance—celebrating life and the first Creation, when Sky Father embraced Earth Mother and all life was conceived.
1/1 eve to 1/4 eve (1/3 peak): Quadrantid Meteor Showers.
1/1 to 1/6: Shogatsu/Shinto New Year’s Festival–The Kami (Nature Spirits) of the four directions are honored, and prayers for happiness, good health, and prosperity are made. The Kami are manifestations of the one universal immanent and transcendent Deity, Kami-Tokotachi-no-Kami.
1/3 (12:00 a.m. EST): Earth Perihelion—when the Earth is closest to the Sun.
1/3 eve to 1/4 eve: Celebration day for Muhuyi-ad-Din Ibn El-Arabi (d. 1240), Sufi saint who honored Deity as a unity embraced in all Nature, both genders, and countless forms.
1/4: Day ethnic discrimination was outlawed worldwide (1969); day to mourn all manifestations of racism.
1/5 (8:28 p.m. EST): New Moon.
1/5: Mindfulness Day–Zen Buddhist day for being mindful of the peace, joy, and beauty of the moment.
1/5: Avian Day–Day to honor all creatures of the air and to meditate on Deity manifesting as birds.
1/5: Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib, tenth Sikh guru (1666). He believed that only those who love find Deity, and exhorted Sikhs to be compassionate.
1/5 eve to 1/6 eve: Feast of Old Greek Goddess Hekate, who guides all through transitions and crisis.
1/6 (OC 1/19): Epiphany–Christian feast recalling the adoration of Child Jesus by the Magi, and the beginning of Rabbi Jesus’ ministry of love to humanity—when He changed water into wine at Cana.
1/6 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.
1/7: Koshogatsu–Shinto rite honoring Goddess Izanami, partner of God Izanagi. They created Nature and the Kami.
1/7: Orthodox Christian Christmas.
1/8: Death day of Galileo (1642), astronomer; day to mourn the persecution of scientists by religious authorities.
1/12: Day genocide was outlawed worldwide (1951); day to mourn all victims of genocide.
1/13: Death day of George Fox (1691), founder of the Quakers. Quakers experience Deity within and practice egalitarianism, social activism, and peacefulness.
1/13 to 1/25 (I 1/25): Old Norse Mid-Winter Feast–Offerings were made to the Deities (particularly Jord, Thor, and Freyr) for growth of crops.
1/14: Makar Sankranti–Beginning of Hindu pilgrimage to holy bathe to river and pray, to purify themselves of their sins. Hindus believe all Gods and Goddesses are aspects of the limitless, immanent, and transcendent Brahman.
1/14: Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on Buddha Deities Amitayus and White Tara, who grant good health and long life. In Tibetan Buddhism, Buddhas and Bodhisattvas are symbolic abstractions and aspects of Adi-Buddha—the masculine and feminine, transcendent and immanent Absolute.
1/14 to 1/16: Old Egyptian Festival honoring the unseen Neteru Amen and Amenet. Egyptians perceived the many Gods and Goddesses (Neteru) to be aspects of the one God-Goddess Neter-Neteret.
1/15: First appearance of Our Lady of Banneux, Virgin of the poor, the sick, and the suffering (Belgium 1933).
1/17: Yoruba/Santeria feast of Ogun, Orisha of Strength, Endurance, and Perseverance. Yorubas/Santeros believe the Orishas are emanations of the one Deity, Olodumare.
1/19: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Sultan–Superiority. Baha’is believe in the oneness of Deity.
1/20 (9:35 p.m. to 1/21 (2:50 a.m. EST): Total Lunar Eclipse (visible in North America).
1/20: Beginning of Aquarius (the Water Bearer).
1/20: World Religions Day–Day to contemplate all religions as different paths to the one universal Deity of many names and aspects.
1/20 eve to 1/21 eve: Tu B’Shevat–Jewish Festival of Trees, celebrated with tree plantings and orchard blessings.
1/20 to 1/28: Navajo Sing-Festival in preparation for the coming agricultural season; celebrated with prayer, chanting, dancing, and healing.
1/21 (12:16 a.m. EST): Full Moon (Cold/Seed Moon).
1/22: Day the Supreme Court recognized women’s right to reproductive autonomy (1973).
1/24 to 2/1: Sementive–Old Roman festival of sowing, honoring Earth Goddess Terra, Grain Goddess Ceres, and Seed Goddess Proserpina.
1/26: Vigil for the protection of women in India from dowry killings, female infanticide, “honor killings”, domestic violence, rape, acid attacks, 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.
1/27: Death day of John James Audubon (1851), ornithologist and conservationist.
1/27: Day to mourn the anti-Islamic xenophobic rhetoric and actions of the Trump administration.
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. He attacked the Trump administration.
1/31 eve to 2/2 eve: Imbolc/St. Brigid’s Day–Old Celtic/Irish feast of Goddess Brigid; merged with the Christian feast of St. Brigid. Fires were lit to welcome Her as She traveled about blessing fields, animals, and people.
1/31 eve to 2/3 eve: Mid-Winter/Groundhog’s Day/Candlemas–Festival marking the transformation from death to life—the beginning of the agricultural year, awakening of hibernating animals, and return of migrating birds and fish. Observed with a candlelight procession to bless fields and seeds, recognition of newborns, and contemplation of life.

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**January Visible Planets:**
Morning...Mercury (twilight) (1/1-15), Venus (twilight), Jupiter, Saturn (1/19-31). Evening...Mars, Uranus, Neptune. Conjunction...Venus & Jupiter (1/22).

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- Goddess as Power...God as Will
- Goddess as Becoming...God as Being
- Goddess as the Transformer...God as the Transformed
- Goddess as Veiled Crone...God as the Hidden One
- Goddess as the Crow...God as Sleeping Creatures

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FEBRUARY

* 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

** 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. 2/1 to 2/7: World Interfaith Harmony Week—Time to learn about the faiths of others and celebrate diversity in spiritual beliefs and practices. 2/1 to 2/14: Old Greek festival of God Dionysos, in which vines were pruned with sprinkled with wine, accompanied by ritual singing and dancing. 2/1 to 2/28: February dedicated to Old Roman God-Goddess Februus-Februa—purifier and protector of the home. Homes were cleaned and blessed, offerings of reparation were given, and peace was made. 2/1 to 2/28: Ethnic Equality Month—Time to honor all peoples and their positive traditions; time to meditate on the equality of all peoples, on the respect due to them, and on God-Goddess manifesting as African, Asian, Oceanic, Middle Eastern, European, Hispanic, and Native American. 2/2: Yoruba/Santeria feast of Oya, Orisha of Death and Rebirth. 2/2: Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for being mindful that you, and all that is, are in the process of transformation. 2/2: World Wetlands Day—Day to celebrate the complex living community of water, plants, fish, birds, and mammals that live in wetlands world-wide. 2/2: Death day of Marija Gimbutas (1994), archeologist who studied Old European Goddess-God spirituality. 2/3: Setsubun—Shinto rite in which good fortune is invoked and evil exorcised. 2/3 eve to 2/6 eve: Old Egyptian Lunar New Year—Celebration of the Triple Goddess (Goddess of the Moon and the Seasons) being transformed from the Crone into the Virgin; celebrated with ritual bathing of divine images. 2/4 (4:04 p.m. EST): New Moon. 2/4: Sojong Day—Tibetan Buddhist day of fasting, confession, and reparation for harm done. 2/5 to 2/8: Hsih Nien/Suhl/Tet—Chinese and East Asian Lunar New Year (Year 4717: the Pig). 2/5 to 2/19: Losar/Tibetan Buddhist New Year (Year 2146: the Earth Pig) & Monlam Chenmo/Great Prayer Festival—Commemorates miracles performed by the Buddha. Rituals, dances, and sculptures are offered to drive evil spirits and to protect and benefit all sentient beings. 2/6: Day to mourn all the women and girls who have been subjected to FGM. 2/7: Bahá’í feast honoring the one Deity as Mulk—Sacred Dominion. Bahá’ís believe in the oneness of all humanity. 2/7: Birthday of Frederick Douglass (1817), non-violent advocate for the rights of African Americans. 2/8 to 2/16: Iroquois Mid-Winter Ceremony—for continuation of all life-sustaining things. Iroquois believe Avnwhaki/Sky Woman descended from the Sky and created Earth, and made the Sun, Moon, and Stars from Her body. 2/10: Sarasvati Puja—Hindu festival honoring Goddess Sarasvati, who represents wisdom, intellect, and knowledge, as well as inspiration, arts, and music. Hindus believe all Gods and Goddesses are aspects of the one Great God-Goddess Maha Devi-Maha Deity. 2/10: Day the Supreme Court concluded that the U.S. Constitution prohibits the government from favoring one religion over another and from favoring or disfavoring religion (1947). 2/10 eve to 2/11 eve: Feast of Old Greek Goddess Artemis—as creatrix, midwife of birthing creatures, protector of the young, and punisher of child abusers. 2/11: First appearance of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lady of healing waters (France 1858). 2/11: Day the first woman was consecrated an Episcopalian bishop in the U.S. (1989). 2/12: Birthday of 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: Lepuckala/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. 2/15 eve to 2/18 eve: Anthestoria—Old Greek festival honoring Dionysos as Plouton, God of the Dead, and welcoming the visiting dead from Elysium. 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, Elementary 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 to mourn Asian victims of internment and exclusion (past and present), make peace, and celebrate empowerment of Asian Americans. 2/19 to 2/27: Navajo Sing—Festival in which fields are blessed in preparation for planting. Navajos believe Etsenatlehi/Changing Woman wields the power to constantly create and change the world. 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. 2/18): Birthday of President George Washington (1732), who ensured that the military was subordinate to the civilian government. 2/23 eve: Vigil for lost children; night of mourning and healing. 2/24: 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. 2/24 eve to 3/3 eve: Lesser Eleusinian Mysteries—Old Greek festival celebrating the marriage of Goddess Kore and God Dionysos, following their return from Elysium. While Demeter believed Her daughter was abducted, Kore and Dionysos considered it an elopement. 2/26 to 3/1: Ayam-i-Ha—Bahá’ís prepare for the Fast with festivities, gift-giving, and helping those in need. 2/27 to 3/5 (OC 2/25 to 3/3): Carnival/Meat Fare—Christian time of feasting, dancing, and revelry before commencement of Lent. 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 of Solstice (Goddess of the Sun) and Perun (God of the Sky). Veles steals Jarilo and raises him in Virey, realm of the dead.

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**Goddess as Peace & Harmony ... God as Dormant Potential**

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**Goddess as the Purifier ... God as the Redeemer**

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**Goddess as the Spark of Life ... God as Sown Seed**

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**Goddess as Fallow Earth ... God as the Farmer**

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**Goddess as Returning Birds ... God as Awakening Creatures**

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**February Visible Planets:** Morning...Venus (twilight), Jupiter, Saturn. Evening...Mercury (twilight) (2/11-28), Mars, Uranus, Neptune (2/1-14). Conjunction...Venus & Saturn (2/18).
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


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March Visible Planets:
Morning...Mercury (twilight) (3/22-31), Venus (twilight), Jupiter, Saturn.
Evening...Mercury (twilight) (3/1-8), Mars, Uranus.

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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

| 24/31 | 25  | 27  | 28  |

GODDESS AS THE DOVE / GOOSE ... GOD AS THE SERPENT / GANDER

March Visible Planets: Morning...Mercury (twilight) (3/22-31), Venus (twilight), Jupiter, Saturn. Evening...Mercury (twilight) (3/1-8), Mars, Uranus.
*Seasonal Focus: height of Spring
*Nature Focus: warming; growth, greening & flowering; Spring rains
*Psychological Focus: renewal, healing, rejuvenation & growth; self control & conquest of aggression


4/1: Veneralia—Old Roman festival celebrating Venus (Goddess of Peace) vanquishing Mars (God of War) with love. 4/1: Vigil for freedom of religion in Iran. 4/1: Day that same-sex marriage was first legally recognized (2001). 4/2: Day the Arms Trade Treaty was adopted to foster peace in areas of conflict and to prevent human rights abusers and law of war violators from obtaining arms (2013). 4/2: Day the Armistice of Compiègne was signed (1918), ending World War I. 4/3: International Day of Human Space Flight. 4/3: Day of remembrance of those who died in space. 4/3: International Day of Clean Water and Sanitation. 4/4: Day ofalmart launched the first satellite (1957). 4/4: Day of Amos Oz—author of My Father, the Hero (1989). 4/4: Day of Our Lady of Medjugorje. 4/4: Day of the Holy Spirit (OC 3/30). 4/4: Day of the Holy Spirit. 4/5: Our Lady of Fátima. 4/6: Day of the Martyrs of Amman. 4/7: World Health Day—Day to pray for healing of all those chronically and seriously ill; day to advocate for adequate health care for all. 4/7: Birthday of William Wordsworth (1770), poet and mystic who found connection with Deity while communing with Nature. 4/7: Birthday of William Ellery Channing (1870), Unitarian who believed all concepts of Deity to be aspects of the one Deity, and preached religious tolerance. 4/8: Hana Matsuri—Shinto rite honoring the Kami of Flowers. 4/9: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Jalal—Glory. 4/10 eve to 4/11 eve: Feast of Old Greek Goddess Artemis, who represents the feminine in Nature and protects women throughout their lives. 4/11: Day Pope John XXIII called for world peace, recognition of human rights, and justice under law (1963). He recognized that peace will only be realized when social justice is realized. 4/11: Day France banned Islamic face coverings, undermining Muslim women’s autonomy and freedom of religious expression (2011). 4/12: Day the first woman was ordained a rabbi in Orthodox Judaism (2006). 4/12 to 4/19: Navapad Oli—Jain period of fasting, recitation of holy scripture, and meditation. 4/13: Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on Bodhisattva Deities Avalokiteshvara and Green Tara, consciousness and empowerment of Compassion. Buddhists recognize the equality of all sentient beings. 4/14: Day the Fishery Conservation and Management Act was enacted (1976); day to give thanks for the fish and seafood we eat. 4/13 to 4/14: Ramanavami—Birthday of Hindu God Rama (avatar of Vishnu), protector of beloved wife, Goddess Sita (avatar of Lakshmi). 4/14 (OC 4/21): Palm Sunday—Christian feast marking Savior Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem to teach love and justice for all humanity and to sacrifice Himself for the liberation and redemption of all. 4/14: Cetacean Day—Day to honor all creatures of the sea and to meditate on Deity manifesting as sea creatures. 4/14: Day the 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 (4/25): 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. Give from your own abundance for the betterment of all. 4/17: Day commemorating the birth of Mahavira Vardhamana Jnaptputra (599 BCE), founder of the Jain faith. Jains avoid aggression and practice harmless, simplicity, and charity. 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. 4/18 (OC 4/25): Maundy Thursday/Last Supper of Savior Jesus—He washed the feet of His male and female disciples, gave them bread and wine as His body and blood, told them to love one another, and told of the Paraclete who would come after Him. 4/19 (7:12 a.m. EDT): Full Moon (White/Virgin Moon). 4/19 (OC 4/26): Passion Friday—Fast day to mourn the torture and killing of Savior Jesus by civil and religious authorities, and to contemplate the sacrifice made for the liberation and redemption of all. 4/19 eve: Nisu Sha’ban—Muslim night of repentance for all harm done. 4/19 eve to 4/27 eve: Passover/Pesach—Jewish festival recalling their deliverance from slavery in Egypt and celebrating freedom from oppression. Passover Truce. 4/20 (OC 4/27): Holy Saturday—Vigil remembering Savior Jesus in His cave tomb. 4/20: Beginning of Taurus (the Bull/Cow/Calf). 4/20: Day of the Columbine High School massacre (1999). Day to mourn all those killed in schools due to gun culture, the failure to deny children access to firearms, and the tolerance of bullying in schools. 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 (OC 4/28): Easter/Passcha—Christian celebration of Lord Jesus’ resurrection by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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. 4/24: 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. 4/25: Day to take your children to work to teach them the value of self-sufficiency. 4/26: Arbor Day—Day to honor trees, to plant trees, and to meditate on Deity manifesting as trees. 4/26: Beginning of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster (1986), which showed why nuclear power is not a safe energy source. 4/26 to 5/3: Mayan Rain Festival—honoring Rain God Chac and His attendant Chumool, and welcoming the refreshing rains. 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 Jamai—Beauty. 4/28 eve to 5/3 eve: Floralia—Old Roman festival devoted to Flora, Goddess of Flowers. 4/29: Day production and use of chemical weapons was outlawed worldwide (1997); day to mourn their victims. 4/30: Birthday of Hosea Ballou (1771), Deist Universalist who preached that all are Deity’s beloved children. 4/30 eve to 5/2 eve: Beltane—Old Celtic/Welsh feast of Booleuweid (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...Mercury (twilight), Venus (twilight), Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune. Evening...Mars.
**MAY**

*Seasonal Focus: height of Spring*
*Nature Focus: light & warming; growth, greening & flowering; berry harvest*
*Psychological Focus: nurturing peace, love, passion & compassion*


*Creation Spirituality Path: via creativa (the creating way — pursuing creative inspiration & action)*
*Kabbalistic Focus: Rahamin (Daughter Heh; Tiphareth) (f): Love, Compassion & Mercy; the Beauty of Nature*
May Visible Planets:
Morning...Mercury (twilight) (5/1-14), Venus (twilight), Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus (5/15-31), Neptune. Evening...Mercury (twilight) (5/29-31), Mars.
Seasonal Focus: ending of Spring — beginning of Summer
Nature Focus: light, heat & ripening; berry harvest
Psychological Focus: nurturing peace, love, passion & compassion

JUNE

5/5 eve to 6/3 eve: Ramadan.
6/1: Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for mindfully seeing the interdependence of all things at all times.
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 Love (God of Happiness), protector of marriage and family, and punisher of abusive and adulterous spouses.
6/1 to 6/18: Gay and Lesbian Coming Out Month—Time to celebrate all forms of love and family.
6/3: Day the first woman was ordained a rabbi in Reform Judaism (1972).
6/3 eve: Old European feast of the Triple Goddess (Goddess of the Moon and the Seasons), marking the transformation of the Virgin into the Mother.
6/3 to 6/6: Iroquois Strawberry Ceremony—in thanksgiving for the strawberry harvest. Iroquois consider themselves kin to all of Nature.
6/3 eve to 6/6 eve: Eid al-Fitr–Muslim festival celebrating the end of Ramadan.
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.
6/5: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Nur—Light. Baha’is 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: First appearance of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Compassionate Mother who answers all pleas (France 1830).
6/6: Day the U.S. government’s unconstitutional massive surveillance of Americans’ emails and phone calls 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; day to advocate for an end to the pollution of the oceans with toxins and trash.
6/8 eve to 6/10 eve: Shavuot/Feast of First Fruits–Jewish festival of thanksgiving for the first fruits of the grain harvest.
6/9 (OC 6/16): Pentecost/Whitsunday—Christian feast celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Lord Jesus; honors Her as the Paraclete.
6/10: Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on Bodhisattva Goddess Red Tara, protector against evil and harm.
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 promoted a Judaism that encompasses all aspects of Creator Tukusanskan.
6/11: Day Alcoholics Anonymous was founded (1935).
6/12: Vigil for the human rights of all in Sudan.
6/13: Christian feast of St. Anthony (d. 1231), guardian of the poor and the powerless, and guide of social justice activists.
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 eve: Day to mourn lost fathers; night of mourning and healing.
6/16: 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.
6/16: Trinity Sunday–Christian celebration of the one universal Deity as Holy Heavenly Father, Holy Spirit Mother, and Holy Christ Child.
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: First appearance of Our Lady of Medjugorje, Queen of Peace, Mother of All Peoples (Yugoslavia 1981).
6/17 to 6/20: Lakota Sun Dance–Festival of prayer, fasting, dancing, and healing in honor of Sun God Wi; offerings are also made to Makal Mother Earth and Haokah/Father Sky. Lakotas believe all Deities are aspects of Creator Tukusanskan.
6/18: Day Pope Francis challenged the world to make the necessary changes to avoid climate change and its expected harm (2015).
6/18: Day the world's first woman was ordained a rabbi in Reform Judaism (1972).
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6/19: Day the U.N. Security Council was created to maintain world peace (1945).
6/20 to 6/23: Corpus Christi–Christian day for veneration of Christ Immanuel in the Host–divine immanence in the grain.
6/20: World Refugee Day—Day to recognize the plight of the millions of people who, because of persecution, war, or environmental disaster, have become refugees: forced to leave their homes, their jobs, and their countries.
6/21: Old Slavic Kupala–Goddess Morana and God Jarilo marry, bringing peace and ensuring a good harvest.
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6/21: Yoga Day—Day to commit to daily stretching for physical and mental health.
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6/23: Day the Supreme Court recognized that government-sponsored prayer in public schools imposes religion on students and violates the U.S. Constitution (1962).
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6/28: First day of the Stone wall riot (1969); day to mourn victims of homophobia (past and present), make peace, and celebrate lesbian and gay empowerment.
6/29 to 7/3: Zoroastrian celebration.
6/30: Oharai/Grand Purification Festival–Shinto rite exorcising evil from the world.
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All Night/Opposition...Jupiter (6/10). Conjunction...Mars & Mercury (6/18).

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

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**June Visible Planets:**

Morning...Venus (twilight), Jupiter (6/1-10), Saturn, Uranus, Neptune. Evening...Mercury (twilight), Mars, Jupiter (6/10-30).

All Night/Opposition...Jupiter (6/10). Conjunction...Mars & Mercury (6/18).
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

6/29 to 7/3: Zoroastrian celebration of Divine Spirit Haorvatat, creator and protector of water.
7/1: Day the world’s nations committed to stop proliferation of nuclear weapons (1968): vigilant to protect the production of all nuclear weapons world-wide.
7/1: Day endangered species became internationally protected (1975); day to celebrate all the world’s creatures.
7/1: 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).
7/2 (3:16 p.m. EDT): New Moon.
7/2: Christian feast marking St. Elizabeth’s recognition of Blessed Mary’s divine destiny as catalyst for human liberation and redemption.
7/2: Day discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, gender, and religion was prohibited in public accommodations, employment, and education (1964).
7/2 to 7/5: Iroquois Green Bean Ceremony—in thanksgiving for the bean harvest.
7/3 eve to 7/4 eve: Old Athenian New Year—Old Greek festival honoring all the Gods and Goddesses.
7/4: U.S. Independence Day—Day to celebrate the right of all peoples to exercise peaceful, democratic self-determination.
7/4: Death day of Thomas Jefferson (1826), who ensured that the U.S. Constitution would protect basic rights and liberties. A Deist, he practiced a religion that was based on Nature, reason, and ethics.
7/4 (6:00 p.m. EDT): Earth Aphelion—when the Earth is farthest from the Sun.
7/6: Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for being mindful that alienation and hunger for possessions results from ignorance of interconnectedness.
7/6: Birthday of Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama.
7/7: Tanabata—Shinto rite honoring the Kami of the Stars.
7/7: Vigil for peace, justice, democratic government, and respect for the human rights of all in South Sudan.
7/10: Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on and emulate Bodhisattva Goddess Red Tara's conquest of fear and anger.
7/10: Day the World Union for Progressive Judaism was founded to promote progressive values within Judaism (1926).
7/10: 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.
7/11: World Population Day—Day to meditate on the social and environmental costs of overpopulation.
7/11: Day Srebrenica, Bosnia, fell to attacking Serbs (1995), beginning a massacre of thousands of civilians because of their ethnicity and religion; vigil for true peace, justice, and respect for the human rights of all in the Balkans.
7/12: Day to meditate on the social costs of climate change.
7/12: Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne (1690); vigil for true peace, justice, religious tolerance, and equal rights for all in Northern Ireland.
7/12: Birthday of Henry David Thoreau (1817), Transcendentalist and naturalist who believed in individualism and living simply in harmony with Nature.
7/13: Bahá’i feast honoring the one Deity as Kalimat—Sacred Words.
7/13 to 7/15: Obon—Zen Buddhist festival honoring departed ancestors.
7/14: Old Egyptian birthday feast of Neter Osiris—partner and true love of Isis, and father of Horus; guide of all husbands, fathers, and judges.
7/14 to 7/21: 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.
7/14 to 7/25 (1/7/25): Old Norse/Icelandic Mid-Summer Althingi—Community gathering for democratic decision making. Forseti and Tyr, Gods of Justice and Self-Sacrifice, were honored.
7/14 eve to 8/19 eve (7/28 peak): Delta Aquarid Meteor Showers.
7/16 (5:38 p.m. EDT): Full Moon (Red/Mother Moon).
7/16: Day Tibetan Buddhists do good deeds and chant the name of Buddha God Amitabha to gain entry to His Pure Land and aid in attaining nirvana.
7/16: Birthday of Mary Baker Eddy (1821), founder of Christian Science, who honored Deity as Father-Mother God.
7/17: 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.
7/17: Day to mourn the excessive use of force by police officers; day to mourn racism in law enforcement.
7/18: Day South Africa’s apartheid was internationally outlawed (1976); birthday of Nelson Mandela, non-violent anti-apartheid activist (1918).
7/18 eve to 7/19 eve: Synoikia—Old Greek festival celebrating the peaceful cooperation of states. Offerings were made to Aphrodite and Eirene, Goddesses of friendship and peace.
7/19: Day women demanded recognition of their equality to men in the legal, political, economic, religious, and domestic spheres (Seneca Falls, New York 1848).
7/20 to 8/2: Old Egyptian festival marking the return to Egypt of Neteret Isis, Neter Osiris, and the rains that inundate the Nile River.
7/21: Secular Humanism Day—Day to celebrate all life-affirming humanist, rationalist, and scientific belief systems.
7/22: Christian feast of St. Mary Magdalen, disciple and priestess—Savior Jesus made her His priestess by purifying her seven times; she anointed Him in preparation for His sacrifice and witnessed His torture, death, and resurrection.
7/23: Beginning of Leo (the Lion/Lioness).
7/23: Mayan Sun Festival—honoring Sun God Ahau Kin; celebrated with devotional offerings of food, song, prayer, and a ritual procession that symbolically travels to the four quarters of the Universe.
7/23: Vigil for peace, democratic government, freedom of religion, and respect for the human rights of all in Egypt.
7/24: Day that aggressive war was outlawed and the right to defend victims of aggression was recognized world-wide (1929).
7/25 eve to 7/31 eve: Panathenaea—Old Greek festival of Goddess Athena—as daughter of Wisdom (Goddess Metis) and font of reason.
7/26: Christian feast of St. Anna, mother of Blessed Mary and grandmother of Blessed Jesus; guide of grandmothers and elderly women.
7/26: Birthday of Dr. Carl Gustav Jung (1875), founder of archetypal psychology, which explores universal concepts of Deity and their relation to the individual psyche.
7/26: Day discrimination against the disabled was prohibited in public accommodations and employment (1990); day to celebrate empowerment of the disabled.
7/26: Day to mourn the anti-Hispanic xenophobic rhetoric and actions of the Trump administration.
7/27: Vigil for true peace on the Korean peninsula.
7/28: Day the U.S. Constitution’s 14th Amendment went into effect, guaranteeing due process and equal protection of the law to all (1868).
7/29 eve to 8/17 eve (8/12 peak): Perseid Meteor Showers.
7/30: Friendship Day.
7/31 (11:12 p.m. EDT): New Moon.
7/31 eve to 8/2 eve: Lugnasadh—Old Celtic/Irish Feast of Goddess Táilte and God Lugh (Deities of Sustenance and Light).
7/31 to 8/6: Iroquois Green Corn Ceremony—in thanksgiving for the maize harvest.
7/31 eve to 8/7 eve: Mid-Summer/First Harvest/Lammas–Festival of thanksgiving for the first of the grain harvest.

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### July Visible Planets:

**Morning**...Mercury (twilight) (7/30-31), Venus (twilight) (7/1-8), Saturn (7/1-9), Uranus, Neptune. **Evening**...Mercury (twilight) (7/1-13), Mars (7/1-18), Jupiter, Saturn (7/9-31).

**All Night/Opposition**...Saturn (7/9). **Conjunction**...Mars & Mercury (7/7).

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### Goddess-God as The One Deity ... God-Goddess as Deity of All

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### Goddess-God as Within Nature ... God-Goddess as Beyond Nature

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### Goddess as The Eternal Cycle ... God as Duality: Chaos & Order

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### Goddess-God as All Forms ... God-Goddess as Beyond Forms

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### Goddess as All Goddesses ... God as All Gods

*July Visible Planets: Morning...Mercury (twilight) (7/30-31), Venus (twilight) (7/1-8), Saturn (7/1-9), Uranus, Neptune. Evening...Mercury (twilight) (7/1-13), Mars (7/1-18), Jupiter, Saturn (7/9-31). All Night/Opposition...Saturn (7/9). Conjunction...Mars & Mercury (7/7).*
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...**
- Mercury (twilight) (8/1-26), Uranus, Neptune.

**Evening...**
- Jupiter, Saturn.

### Calendar for August

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

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**Goddess as Earthquakes & Volcanoes ... God as Hurricanes & Thunderstorms**

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**Goddess as Evergreen Forests ... God as Deciduous Woodlands**

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**Goddess as the Hind / Wild Birds ... God as the Stag / Wild Animals**

### August Visible Planets:
- Morning: Mercury (twilight) (8/1-26), Uranus, Neptune.
- Evening: Jupiter, Saturn.
SEPTEMBER

- **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

- **8/27 to 9/2:** Paryusana. **8/30 eve to 9/9 eve:** Muharram/Muslim New Year & A’ashurah.
- **8/30 eve to 9/29 eve:** Elul—Jewish month of self-reflection, peace-making, and renewal. Elul-Rosh Hashanah Truce (through Yom Kippur). **9/1:** Day to make lifestyle and consumption changes to stop extinction, waste, overharvest, pollution, and climate change. **9/2:** Labor Day—Day to reflect on the sacredness of all work and the value of ethical, meaningful employment. **9/2 to 9/13:** Ganesha Chaturthi—Hindu festival honoring God Ganesha as the Challenger—creator and remover of obstacles. **9/3:** Day gender discrimination was outlawed world-wide (1981); day to remember all manifestations of sexism. **9/6:** Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on Bodhisattva Goddess Gold Tara, provider of all sustenance and necessities.
- **9/6:** Birth of Efua Dorkenoo, African women’s rights activist and mother of the global movement to end FGM (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. **9/7:** Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for being mindful that harm to the Earth and sentient beings results from ignorance of interdependence. **9/7 eve:** Vigil for lost grandparents; night of mourning and healing. **9/8:** 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. **9/8:** (OC 9/21): Birthday of Blessed Mary, catalyst of liberation and redemption. **9/8:** Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as ’Izat—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.
- **9/10:** Birthday of Thomas Thayer (1812), Universalist who believed Deity to be at work in evolution and continuing Creation. **9/10 eve to 9/11 eve:** Demokratia—Old Greek festival celebrating democracy, constitutional government, and justice under law. Zeus, Athena, and Themis were honored. **9/11:** Day to mourn all victims of terrorism. **9/11 eve to 9/20 eve:** Greater Eucharistic Mysteries—Old Greek festival recalling Goddess Demeter’s search for Her missing daughter Kore. **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 in the U.S. to rape, domestic violence, and other gender-based violence. **9/13:** Day Israelis and Palestinians committed to peaceful coexistence (1993); vigil for true peace, justice, and religious tolerance for all in the Middle East. **9/13 to 9/21:** Navajo Sing—Festival in thanksgiving for the harvest. Estsanatlehi/Changing Woman is believed to represent life. **9/14 (12:33 a.m. EDT):** Full Moon (Harvest Moon). **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 to 9/22:** Green Building Week. **9/17:** Christian feast of St. Hildegard von Bingen (d. 1179), mystic who sang praises to the Holy Spirit as Grace and Wisdom. She 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 governed by the rule of law. **9/19:** Appearance of Our Lady of La Salette, Mother of the Harvest (France 1846). **9/20:** International Day of Peace—Day to demonstrate for peace with justice throughout the world. **9/21:** International Coastal Cleanup Day. **9/21:** 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 (3:50 a.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. **9/23:** 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 believe the unity of Yin (Eternal Feminine) and Yang (Eternal Masculine) make up the psyche-matter-energy of the eternal all-encompassing Chi’i. **9/23:** Aki-no-Higan–Day Japanese Buddhists mark the time of change by meditating on the impermanence of life. **9/23:** Old Slavic Dozhinki—The end of the grain harvest, God Jarilo betrays Goddess Morana. Her sadness causes the world to become dark, cold, and dead. **9/23:** Vigil for freedom of religion in Saudi Arabia. **9/24:** Yoruba/Santeria feast of Ochun-Ija, Orisha of Peace and Justice. **9/25:** Day Pope Francis called for Christian evangelizing to focus on service to humanity rather than conversion (2014). **9/25 eve to 9/26 eve:** Old Greek festival honoring Gaia and the Nymphs (the male and female Spirits of Nature). **9/26:** Old Egyptian festival of Neter Amen-Ra-Atem, the Great God, and Neteret Amen-Rait-Mut, the Great Goddess. **9/27:** Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Mashihyat–Divine Will. **9/27:** Indigenous Peoples’ Day—Day for honoring Native Americans and their life-affirming spiritual traditions. **9/28 (2:26 p.m. EDT):** New Moon. **9/28:** Birthday of Confucius (Kung 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:** National Estuaries Day—Celebrate the beauty and life that lives where rivers meet the sea. **9/28 eve:** Old European feast of the Triple Goddess (Goddess of the Moon and the Seasons), marking the transformation of the Mother into the Crone. **9/28 to 10/1:** Iroquois Squash Ceremony— in thanksgiving for the squash harvest. **9/29:** Feast of Michael, Angel of Protection, and Uriel, Angel of Justice. **9/29:** World Rivers Day—Immerse yourself and feel the flow of life. **9/29 eve to 10/1 eve:** Rosh Hashanah/Jewish New Year (Year 5780)—Commemorates Creation of the World by Elohim, the one universal Deity; begins ten days of self-examination and penitence for harm done. **9/29 to 10/8:** Navaratri/Durga Puja. **9/30:** Christian feast of Hagia Sophia (Holy Wisdom). **9/30:** Birthday of Jalal ad-Din Rumi (1207), Sufi saint and poet. He believed the soul to be one with Deity. **9/30:** Birthday of Elhanan Winchester (1751), Universalist who exhorted people to lives of personal ethics and social reform.
### September Visible Planets:

- **Morning**: Uranus, Neptune (9/1-10).
- **All Night/Opposition**: Neptune (9/10).

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- **Goddess as Eternal Life** ... **God as Sustainer of Life**
- **Goddess as the Cornucopia** ... **God as Divine Harvest**
- **Goddess as the Waning Moon** ... **God as the Setting Sun**
- **Goddess as Nursing Mother** ... **God as the Grain & the Grape**
- **Goddess as the Cow** ... **God as the Bull & Calf**

*September Visible Planets: Morning...Uranus, Neptune (9/1-10). Evening...Mercury (twilight) (9/15-30), Venus (twilight) (9/20-30), Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune (9/10-30). All Night/Opposition...Neptune (9/10).*
OCTOBER

- Seasonal Focus: height of Autumn
- Nature Focus: cooling; leaves changing; completion of harvest; migration begins
- Psychological Focus: letting go & endings; purging
- Creation Spirituality Path: via negativa (the negating way — dealing with challenges & suffering)
- Kabbalistic Focus: Hokhma (Mother Heh; Torah) (f): Wisdom, Eternal Truth & Divine Law

- 9/29 to 10/8: 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.
  - 10/1: Vigil for freedom of religion in China.
  - 10/1: Day of the Las Vegas massacre (2017). Day to mourn those killed due to legal access to military weapons, contrary to the Second Amendment’s mandate that firearms be used only for the security of the state by a well-regulated militia.
  - 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.
  - 10/4: Yoruba/Santeria feast of Orunmila, Orisha of Wise Counsel and Protection.
  - 10/4: Christian feast of St. Francis of Assisi (d. 1226), and Animal Blessing Day.
  - 10/4 eve to 10/5 eve: Proerosia—Old Greek festival in which fruits of all the harvest were offered to Goddess Demeter.
  - 10/4 to 10/7: Tewa Deer Dance—celebrating the cosmic duality of feminine and masculine. The Tewa recognize gender equality and honor both male and female ancestors.
  - 10/5: Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for being mindful that fear and hatred of others results from ignorance of interconnectedness.
  - 10/5: Day honoring Zen Buddhist philosopher Bodhidharma (470-543), who believed one could attain Buddhahood by realizing one’s own Buddha nature.
  - 10/6: Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on and emulate Bodhisattva Goddess (Khadin), who believed one could attain Buddhahood by realizing one’s own Buddha nature.
  - 10/6: Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on and emulate Bodhisattva Goddess Gold Tara’s vision of the world where women and untouchables would be empowered and respected.
  - 10/6 eve to 10/9 eve: Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement—Jewish day of fasting, prayer, reconciliation, and making reparation for harm done.
  - 10/9: Vigil for peace, justice, and respect for the human rights of all in Afghanistan.

- 10/8 to 10/20: Shukaku Matsuri—Shinto rite offering thanks and first fruits of the rice harvest to the Shinto goddessess who, along with their male counterparts, are the protectors of the vegetation.
  - 10/8 eve to 10/9 eve: Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement—Jewish day of fasting, prayer, reconciliation, and making reparation for harm done.
  - 10/9: Vigil for peace, justice, and respect for the human rights of all in Afghanistan.
  - 10/9 eve to 10/16 eve: Sukkot/Feast of Ingathering—Jewish thanksgiving for the fruit harvest.
  - 10/14 to 10/28: (1 10/26): 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.
  - 10/15: Day the #MeToo movement began (2017). In solidarity with women who were publicly accusing the perpetrators of their sexual assault/harassment, other women began publicly admitting that they, too, had been sexually assaulted/harassed.
  - 10/16: Baha’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.
  - 10/17: Shukaku Matsuri—Shinto rite offering thanks and first fruits of the rice harvest to the Kami.
  - 10/17: Chinese Buddhist festival of Goddess Kuan Yin; celebrates Her attainment of Bodhisattvahood.
  - 10/18: Old Egyptian feast of Neteret Hathor, Goddess of Fate.
  - 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.
  - 10/20: 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.
  - 10/20 eve to 10/21 eve: Shemini Atzeret/Feast of Assembly—Jewish festival of praise and thanksgiving for life-giving rain.
  - 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).
  - 10/21 eve to 10/22 eve: Simchat Torah/Rejoicing with the Torah—Jewish festival celebrating the Torah.
  - 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: Yoruba/Santeria feast of Orisha Erinle, Healer of the Sick and Injured.
  - 10/24: Feast of Raphael, Angel of Healing.
  - 10/24: Day the U.N. came into being to facilitate world-wide peaceful cooperation (1945).
  - 10/24: Day the first woman was ordained a Presbyterian minister in the U.S. (1956).
  - 10/24 to 10/30: World Disarmament Week—Time for peaceful activism to help end the arms race.
  - 10/25 to 10/28: 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 is on peace-making and new beginnings.
  - 10/27 (11:38 p.m. EDT): New Moon.
  - 10/28: Kali Puja—Hindu festival honoring Great Goddess Maha Devi as Kali—decay, death, and transformation.
  - 10/28: Day the world’s nations committed to biodiversity and ecosystem conservation (1982).
  - 10/28 eve to 10/29 eve: Remembrance day for Kabila al-bint Ism‘al ‘Adawiya (717-801), Sufi saint and preacher; she loved Deity passionately. Sufis seek Truth through love, wisdom, and action.
  - 10/28 to 11/3: Isla–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.
  - 10/31: 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.
  - 10/31 eve to 11/7 eve: Mid-Autumn/Day of the Dead/Hallowmas.

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### October Visible Planets

- **Morning:** Mars (10/17-31), Uranus (10/1-28).
- **Evening:** Mercury (twilight), Venus (twilight), Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus (10/28-31), Neptune.

- **All Night/Opposition:** Uranus (10/28).
- **Conjunction:** Venus & Mercury (10/30).

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| GODDESS AS OWL / MIGRATING BIRDS ... GOD AS IBIS / DYING CREATURES |

October Visible Planets: Morning...Mars (10/17-31), Uranus (10/1-28). Evening...Mercury (twilight), Venus (twilight), Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus (10/28-31), Neptune. All Night/Opposition...Uranus (10/28). Conjunction...Venus & Mercury (10/30).
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. 10/31 eve to 11/2 eve: Samhain—Old Celtic/Welsh New Year and feast of Cerridwen (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/Hallowmas—Feast of 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 ancestors and contemplating one’s mortality. 11/1: Jnau Panchami—Day that Jainsas celebrate knowledge, education, and holy books with recitations, meditation, and worship. 11/1: All Saints Day—Day Christians remember all the virtuous dead, known and unknown. 11/1: 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. 11/2: Aztec Day of the Dead—Day for honoring the departed and Mictlanchiuatl-Mictlanenteuctli, Goddess-God of the Dead. Aztecs believe all Gods are united in Great God Omeciuatl, and the Great God and Goddess are united in Omectoatl. 11/2: Hopi & Zuni Ancestors’ Day—Food offerings are put into rivers and lakes in honor of the ancestors. 11/2: Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for mindfully seeing and acting with compassion for the Earth and all creatures. 11/2: All Souls Day—Day Christians remember all the beloved dead. 11/2: Day the first openly gay man was consecrated an Episcopalian bishop (2003). 11/3: 2:00 a.m.: Daylight Savings Time ends—set clocks back 1 hour. 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: Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on and emulate Bodhisattva Goddess Gold Tara’s conquest of desire for unneeded things. 11/4: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Qudrat—Divine Power. 11/5: Election Day—remember to vote! 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). 11/8: Birthday of Dorothy Day (1897), activist for peace, economic justice, and workers’ rights. 11/8: Day Donald Trump was elected President of the U.S. with the help of the Russian government (2016). 11/8 eve to 11/9 eve: Mawlid al-Nabi—Day commemorating the birth of Muslim Prophet Muhammad (570). He conceived Deity to be a compassionate, genderless unity. 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: 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 (8:34 a.m. EST): Full Moon (Wolf/Hunting Moon). 11/12: 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 Purab, one of Deity’s sacred names. 11/12: Birthday of Sr. Juana Ines 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: Birthday of Mirza Husayn Ali Baha’u’llah (1817), mystic and founder of the Baha’i Faith. 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, earth of the East, fire of the South, and waters 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 (11/7 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: 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. 11/19: Lba Bab Duchen—Day Tibetan Buddhists celebrate the Buddha’s descent from heaven after teaching the Dharma there. 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. 11/21: Fast for an Abundant World Harvest—Day to fast and commit to action to help prevent deaths from malnourishment world-wide. 11/21: Great American Smokeout—Day to give up smoking to preserve one’s own health and the health of loved ones. 11/22: Beginning of Sagittarius (the Hunter/Huntress). 11/23: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Qudrat—Sacred Speech. 11/25: Yoruba/Santeros feast of Oya, Orisha of Death and Rebirth. Yorubas/Santeros celebrate with drumming, ecstatic dancing, and possession trance. 11/25: Day to raise awareness of the immorality (and illegality) of violence against women and girls world-wide. 11/26 (10:06 a.m. EST): New Moon. 11/26: Death day of Sojourner Truth (1811), Christian preacher and non-violent advocate for the rights of women and African Americans. 11/26 to 12/9: Hopi & Zuni Kachina/Dances. Kachinas/Kokos invoke the Spirits into Dances. 11/26: Day for recognizing 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).

* Creation Spirituality Path: via negativa (the negating way—dealing with challenges and suffering)
* Kabbalistic Focus: Gevurah (Daughter Heh; Matronit; Lilith) (f): Justice, Judgment & Conscience; Chaos & Destructive Power

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**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**

- **12/26 to 12/29:** Hopi & Zuni Shalako Festival.
- **12/1:** World AIDS Day—Day to pray for healing of all those suffering with AIDS and HIV.
- **12/1 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.
- **12/4:** Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on Bodhisattva Goddess White Tara, who guides the dead to Buddha Amitabha’s Pure Land, where all will find salvation.
- **12/7:** Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for mindfully seeing and acting with compassion for the poor and oppressed.
- **12/7 eve to 12/8 eve:** Day commemorating the death of Abdul Qadir Jilani (1166). Sufi saint who was renowned for his compassion, particularly for the poor.
- **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 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 worldwide (1948).
- **12/10:** Day the Catholic Church concluded it was “theologically unquestionable” that 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:** First appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of God and Mother of the Oppressed, at the former shrine of Aztec Moon Goddess Coatlicue (Mexico 1531).
- **12/12:** Bahá’í feast honoring the one Deity as Masa’il—Mystery.
- **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.
- **12/14:** Day of the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre (2012). Day to mourn all those killed in schools due to gun culture and access to firearms by the mentally ill.
- **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.
- **12/16:** Old Egyptian festival of Neteret Amnet-Rat-Mut, the primordial Great Mother.
- **12/16 to 12/24:** Christmas Novena/Las Posadas—Christian remembrance of the journey of Mary and St. Joseph to Bethlehem and their taking refuge in a cave-stable.
- **12/17:** Yoruba/Santeria feast of Orisha Babalu Ayé, 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:** 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.
- **12/21 (11:19 p.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 Soyal New Year Festival of purification and renewal. Homes are cleaned, fires doused, and personal restraint is observed.
- **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.
- **12/22 eve to 12/30 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.
- **12/24 eve to 12/25 eve:** Celebration day for Muhyi ad-Din Ibn El-Arabi (d. 1240), Sufi saint who honored Deity as a unity manifested in all Nature, both genders, and countless forms.
- **12/24 eve:** Mother Night—Christian vigil for the laboring 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 Friggia and Odin. Celebrated with evergreens, fires, and feasting.
- **12/26 (12:13 a.m. EST):** New Moon.
- **12/26:** Day commemorating the death of Zoroastrian Prophet Zarathustra (551 BCE).
- **12/26 to 1/1:** Kwanzaa—Festival celebrating positive African traditions; emphasizes unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economies, purpose, creativity, and faith.
- **12/28:** Day the endangered species Act was enacted (1973); day to mourn those creatures already extinct.
- **12/28:** Day an Islamic court ruled FGM to be un-Islamic and banned the practice (1997).
- **12/28 eve to 12/29 eve:** Feast of Old Greek Goddess Athena—as protector and defender.
- **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:** Chahar/Grand Purification Festival—Shinto rite exercising 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:** Bahá’í 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.

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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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**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 positive 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.

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.

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**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 sexist.

Get involved with a group promoting focused spirituality.

Write to legislators and the media in support of affirmative action programs, which combat sexism’s effects and serve as reparation for past and present sexism.

**March 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.

**March Empowering Meditation**

Confront the Negative Voice that uses negative and hurtful labels and sexist/racist stereotypes. Reject the label or stereotype; affirm they do not reflect real people. Focus on how you (and others) don’t fit the label or stereotype. Defend against words and actions of predatory people.

**March Art As Meditation**

Explore the music, dance, and art of Goddess-focused spirituality.

Express yourself and honor Deity by creating art to represent the conquest of aggression.

**March Action Offerings**

Heal and nurture relationships with your mother and mother-in-law.

Avoid patronizing TV programs, music, films, magazines, books, products, and companies that are sexist.

Get involved with a group promoting gender equality and egalitarianism.

Write to legislators and the media in support of affirmative action programs, which combat sexism’s effects and serve as reparation for past and present sexism.
April Experiential Meditations

- New Moon: Alone near a body of water 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 near a body of water 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 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 passionate 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.
- Write to your congressmen/women in support of stronger laws to prevent water pollution and to require clean-up of polluted waters.

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.
July 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 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: respect and compassion 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: personal transformation.
- **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 wildlife sanctuaries.
- 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 out on a windy or stormy day, 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: respect and compassion for all.
- **Full Moon**: Alone out on a windy or stormy night, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while dancing exuberantly. Meditation: personal transformation.
- **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.

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: respect and compassion 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: peace and healing 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.
and practice.

- funded public schools free of all religious ideology

opportunity in education.

- animals from human abuses.

- if you can, adopt a homeless animal.

- art to represent purged anger and hurt.

- 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 perspec-
  tive of the all-knowing Deity. Affirm “I am respon-
  sible for all I do, good and bad. No one else is.”

- 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.

- 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 pro-
  motes 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.

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.
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October Art As Meditation
- Explore the music, dance, and art of Medieval
  Europe/Christian mysticism.

- Express yourself and honor Deity by creating
  art to represent justice and struggles against evil.

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 pro-
  motes 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, mind-
  fully 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 word-
  less 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: suste-
  nance 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 expecta-
tions 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.