THE MYSTIC’S Wheel of the Year

2020

A Multifaith Calendar Reflecting Eco-Egalitarian Spirituality
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. Goddess generally 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,
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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). 12/21 to 1/9: Hopi & Zuni Soyala New Year Festival of purification and renewal. 12/25 to 1/5: Yule—Old Anglo-Teutonic festival honoring God Freyr, Goddess Freyja, and God Balder. 12/31 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 practicing 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, primordial and eternal, immanent and transcendent Deity, Kuni-Tokotachi-no-Kami. 1/2 eve to 1/3 eve: Feast of God Poseidon, Goddess Amphitrite, and all Old Greek Gods and Goddesses of the seas. 1/3: 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. 1/4: Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for being mindful of the peace, joy, and beauty of the moment. 1/4: Day ethnic discrimination was outlawed world-wide (1969); day to mourn all manifestations of racism. 1/5: 3:00 a.m. EST: Earth Perihelion—when the Earth is closest to the Sun. 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 exorted Sikhs to be compassionate. 1/6 (OC 1/9): 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. 1/7: Koshogatsu/Shinto rite honoring Goddess Izanami, partner of God Izanagi. They created Nature and the Kami. 1/17: Orthodox Christian Christmas. 1/8: Death day of Galileo (1642), astronomer; day to mourn the persecution of scientists by religious authorities. 1/10 (2:21 p.m. EST): Full Moon (Black/Death/Crone Moon) (Capricorn Full Moon). 1/12: Day genocide was outlawed world-wide (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. 1/14: Makar Sakranti—Beginning of Hindu pilgrimage to holy rivers to bathe and pray, to purify themselves of their sins. Hindus believe all Gods and Goddesses are aspects of the one Great God-Goddess. 1/14 to 1/25 (1/24): Old Norse Mid-Winter Feast—Offerings were made to the Deities (particularly Jord, Thor, and Freyr) for growth of crops. 1/15: Feast of the Black Christ. 1/15 (Obs. 1/20): Birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929), Baptist preacher and non-violent advocate for the rights of African Americans. 1/15: First appearance of Our Lady of Bananeux, Virgin of the poor, the sick, and the suffering (Belgium 1933). 1/15 to 1/17: Old Egyptian Festival honoring the unseen Neteru Amen and Amnet. Egyptians perceived the many Gods and Goddesses (Neteru) to be aspects of the one God-Goddess Neter-Neteret. 1/17: Our Lady of Banneux, Virgin of the poor, the sick, and the suffering (Belgium 1933). 1/15 to 1/17: Old Egyptian Festival honoring the unseen Neteru Amen and Amnet. 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Bahá’ís believe in the oneness of Deity. 1/19: World Religions Day—Day to contemplate all religions as different paths to the one universal Deity of many names and aspects. 1/20: Beginning of Aquarius (the Water Bearer). 1/22: Day the Supreme Court recognized women’s right to reproductive autonomy (1973). 1/23 eve to 1/25 eve: Old European 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. 1/24 (4:42 p.m. EST): New Moon. 1/24 to 2/1: Sementive–Old Roman festival of sowing, honoring Earth Goddess Terra, Grain Goddess Ceres, and Seed Goddess Proserpina. 1/24 eve to 1/25 eve: Feast of Old Greek Goddess Hekate, who guides all through transitions and crisis. 1/25 to 1/28: Hshih Nien/Suhi/Tet–Chinese and East Asian Lunar New Year (Year 4718: the Rat). 1/26: Vigil for the protection of women in India from gender-based violence. 1/26: Vigil for peace, justice, and respect for the human rights of all in Somalia, where Al-Shabaab commits abuses in the name of religion. 1/26 eve: Rosh Chodesh—Jewish women gather to worship the Shekhinah, the feminine manifestation of Elohim, the one universal Deity; and to pray and act for peace, social justice, and environmental healing. 1/27: Death day of John James Audubon (1851), ornithologist and conservationist. 1/27: Day to mourn the anti-Islamic xenophobic rhetoric and actions of the Trump administration. 1/28 to 2/5: Iroquois Mid-Winter Ceremony—for continuation of all life-sustaining things. Iroquois believe Ashehai/Sky Woman created the Sun, Moon, and Stars from Her body. 1/28 eve to 1/29 eve: Feast of Old Greek Goddess Aphrodite—Day to honor peace and compassion. 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 Solovjov (1853). Orthodox Christian mystic who bewailed humanity’s alienation from Holy Wisdom and from Nature. Her manifestation. 1/30: Sarasvati Puja—Hindu festival honoring Goddess Sarasvati, who represents wisdom as well as artistic inspiration. 1/31: Birthday of Fr. Thomas Merton (1915), Catholic mystic and poet, who found Deity in stillness and silence. 1/31 eve to 2/2 eve: Imbolc/St. Brigid’s Day. 1/31 eve to 2/4 eve: Mid-Winter/Groundhog’s Day/Candlemas.
January Visible Planets:

**Morning...** Mars, Jupiter (1/10-31), Saturn (1/31).

**Evening...** Mercury (twilight) (1/24-31), Venus (twilight), Uranus (1/16-31), Neptune.

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**Goddess as the Crow ... God as Sleeping Creatures**

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*January Visible Planets: Morning...Mars, Jupiter (1/10-31), Saturn (1/31). Evening...Mercury (twilight) (1/24-31), Venus (twilight), Uranus (1/16-31), Neptune.*
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

** 1/28 to 2/5: *Iroquois Mid-Winter Ceremony.* ** 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 blessed fields, animals, and people.* ** 1/31 eve to 2/4 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.* ** 2/1: Mindfulness Day–Zen Buddhist day for being mindful that you, and all that is, are in the process of transformation. Buddhist recognize the equality of all sentient beings. ** 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 Celtic/Irish festival of Samhain, in which vines were pruned and sprinkled with wine, accompanied by ritual singing and dancing.* ** 2/1 to 2/29: *February dedicated to Old Roman God-Goddess Februus-Februa–purifier and protector of the home. Home are cleaned and blessed, offerings of reparation were given, and peace was made.* ** 2/1 to 2/29: *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 Ogá, Orisha of Death and Rebirth.* ** 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: *Day of Marja Gimbutas (1994), archeologist who studied Old European Goddess-God spirituality.* ** 2/3: *Setsubun–Shinto rite in which good fortune is invoked and evil exorcised.* ** 2/6: *Day to mourn all the women and girls who have been subjected to FGM.* ** 2/7: *Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Mulk–Sacred Dominion. Baha‘is believe in the oneness of all humanity.* ** 2/7: *Birthday of Frederick Douglass (1817), non-violent advocate for the rights of African Americans.* ** 2/9 (2:33 a.m. EST): *Full Moon (Cold/Seed Moon) (Aquarius Full Moon).* ** 2/9 to 2/17: *Navajo Sing–Festival in preparation for the coming agricultural season; celebrated with prayer, chanting, dancing, and healing.* ** 2/9 eve to 2/10 eve: *Tu B’Shevat–Judewish Festival of Trees, celebrated with tree plantings and orchard blessings.* ** 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).* ** 2/11: *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: *Lupercalia/ St. Valentine’s Day–Old Roman festival of God-Goddess Faunus-Fauna; merged with the Christian feast of St. Valentine–celebrating love of all kinds.* ** 2/14: *Tell your true love how much you love him/her!* ** 2/15: *Birthday of Susan B. Anthony (1820), non-violent advocate for the rights of women and African Americans.* ** 2/17: *Toshigoi–Shinto rite honoring the Kami and offering prayers for a bountiful rice harvest. Shinto try to live in harmony with the cosmic forces of the Kami.* ** 2/18: *Death day of Michelangelo (1564), painter of the Vatican’s Sistine Chapel (where Our Father is shown embracing Our Mother while reaching out to humanity).* ** 2/18: *Birthday of Ramakrishna Paramahansa (1836), Hindu mystic who fervently loved Great Goddess Maha Devi–Mother of God, Mother of Nature, Elemental Matter, and Cosmic Power. He recognized Her immanence in all, and knew Her to be a manifestation of the one universal Deity.* ** 2/18: *Nazi Resistance Day–Day to honor those who resisted Adolf Hitler’s Nazi government during World War II.* ** 2/18 to 2/19: *Old Egyptian festival of Neteret Bastel, Cat Goddess who protects the home and fosters domestic harmony.* ** 2/19: *Beginning of Pisces (the Fishes).* ** 2/19: *Day President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the internment of loyal Japanese Americans during World War II (1942); day to mourn Asian victims of internment and exclusion (past and present), make peace, and celebrate empowerment of Asian Americans.* ** 2/19 to 2/25 (OC 2/17 to 2/23): *Carnival/Fast–Christian time of feasting, dancing, and revelry.* ** 2/20: *Social Justice Day–Day to affirm that social justice is a moral imperative, encompassing equal rights, freedoms, and protections under law.* ** 2/21 to 2/22: *Mahashivratri–Hindu fast, night vigil, and feast for God-Goddess Shiva-Shakti (union of Will and Power), who dances to create, destroy, and re-create the Universe. Tantric Hindus believe Shiva is within all men and Shakti within all women.* ** 2/22: *Sojong Day–Tibetan Buddhist day of fasting, confession, and repARATION for harm done.* ** 2/22: *Caristia–Old Roman festival for renewing family ties and patching up quarrels.* ** 2/22 (Obs. 2/17): *Birthday of President George Washington (1732), who ensured that the military was subordinate to the civilian government.* ** 2/22 eve: *Vigil for lost children; night of mourning and healing.* ** 2/23: *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.* ** 2/23 (10:32 a.m. EST): *New Moon.* ** 2/24 to 3/9: *Losar/Tibetan Buddhist New Year (Year 2147: the Iron Rat) & Monlam Chenmo/Great Prayer Festival–Commemorates miracles performed by the Buddha. Rituals, dances, and sculptures are offered to drive out evil spirits and to protect and benefit all sentient beings.* ** 2/24 eve to 2/25 eve: *Remembrance day for Sufi saint Haji Bektash (d. 1337). He initiated women into Deity.* ** 2/25 eve to 2/26 eve: *Mindfulness Day–Mindfulness meditation and contemplation of life.* ** 2/26 to 3/1: *Ayyam-i-Ha–Baha‘is prepare for the Fast with festivities, gift-giving, and helping those in need.* ** 2/26 to 4/11 (OC 3/2 to 4/10): *Ash Wednesday (Pure Monday) and Lent–Christian time of purification by self-reflection, peace-making, reparation for harm done, and helping those in need. Lenten Truce (through Easter).* ** 2/29: *Old Slavic Velja Noc–Spirits of the dead visit their living relatives, overseen by Veles, Lord of the Dead. Morana and Jarilo are born. Veles steals Jarilo and raises him in Virey, realm of the dead.* ** 2/29: *Leap year day. make it special!* ** 2/29 eve to 3/1 eve: *Feast of Old Greek Goddess Artemis–as creatrix, midwife of birthing creatures, protector of the young, and punisher of child abusers.*
February Visible Planets: Morning...Mars, Jupiter, Saturn. Evening...Mercury (twilight) (2/1-19), Venus (twilight), Uranus, Neptune (2/1-14).
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

- 3/1: Day the production and use of landmines was outlawed world-wide (1999); day to mourn their victims.
- 3/1 to 3/31: Gender Equality Month—Time to honor both genders; time to meditate on the equality of women and men, on the respect due to both women and men, and on Goddess-God manifesting as woman and man.
- 3/2: Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on and emulate Bodhisattva Goddess Green Tara’s loving-kindness to self and others.
- 3/2: Beginning of the Prudhoe Bay oil spill (2006), which showed how oil pipelines are a threat to the environment.
- 3/2 to 3/20: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as ‘Ala’—Loftiness. Followed by the Fast—time of purification by fasting from sunrise to sunset. ‘Ala’ Truce (through Naw Ruz).
- 3/4: Great American Weigh In—Day to commit to a healthy diet and daily exercise.
- 3/5: Old Romano-Egyptian festival honoring Goddess Isis as Lady of the Moon and Ruler of the Sea.
- 3/6 to 3/10: Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for being mindful that you are connected to each and every sentient being that has ever existed.
- 3/8 (2:00 a.m.): Daylight Savings Time begins—set clocks ahead 1 hour.
- 3/8: Vigil for peace, democratic government, and respect for the human rights of all in Syria.
- 3/8 eve to 3/10 eve: Jewish fast of Esther and fast of Purim—Recalls a planned massacre of Persian Jews and their deliverance by Queen Esther; time for helping those in need.
- 3/9: Nowruz—Persian New Year.
- 3/10: Day the first bat mitzvah occurred—Reconstructionist Judaism.
- 3/10: Day the production and use of biological weapons was outlawed world-wide (1975); day to mourn their victims.
- 3/11: Day of Scott Cunningham (1993), who taught a reverent, ethical, egalitarian, and ecological form of Wicca.
- 3/12: Death day of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise (1819), who founded Reform Judaism.
- 3/14: St. Patrick’s Day—Old European festival marking rebirth of the Green Man (God as deciduous vegetation); merged with the Christian feast of St. Patrick.
- 3/18: Day the first bat mitzvah occurred—Reconstructionist Judaism (1922).
- 3/18: Day the first woman served as imam, leading a public, mixed-gender, Muslim congregation in Jum’ah prayer, and delivering the sermon (2005).
- 3/19: Vigil to mourn China’s annexation of Tibet (1959) and the killings, torture, and religious persecution of Tibetan Buddhists.
- 3/19 to 3/23: Old Roman festival of Goddess Minerva—as font of artistic inspiration.
- 3/20: Vigil for peace, justice, and respect for the human rights of all in Iraq.
- 3/21: Day the first woman served as imam, leading a public, mixed-gender, Muslim congregation in Jum’ah prayer, and delivering the sermon (2005).
- 3/22 (5:28 a.m. EDT): New Moon.
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### GODDESS AS THE SUPERNAL CREATRIX ... GOD AS THE SUPERNAL CREATOR

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

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**March Visible Planets:** Morning...Mercury (twilight) (3/4-31), Mars, Jupiter, Saturn. Evening...Venus (twilight), Uranus. Conjunction...Mars & Jupiter (3/20), Mars & Saturn (3/31).
April

Harmony with the Divine through introspection and service to the dispossessed.

* 4/14 to 4/25 (4/23): 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 for the betterment of all.
* 4/17: Day Cambodia fell to the Khmer Rouge, who caused the deaths of more than a million civilians (1975); vigil for true peace, justice, and respect for the human rights of all in East Asia.
* 4/20: Beginning of Taurus (the Bull/Cow/Calf).

**Psychological Focus:**

Navapad Oli–Jain period of fasting, recitation of holy scripture, and meditation on the principle of right knowledge, right faith, right conduct, and right penance.

* 4/1: Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on Bodhisattva Deities Aksobhijit and Green Tara, consciousness and empowerment of Compassion.
* 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).
* 4/1 to 4/2: Ramanavami–Birthday of Hindu God Rama, protector of beloved wife, Goddess Sita.
* 4/2: Day the Arms Trade Treaty was adopted to foster peace and security in areas of conflict (2013).
* 4/4: Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for being mindful that the joys and suffering of others are your joys and suffering.
* 4/5 (OC 4/12): Palm Sunday—Christian feast marking Savior Jesu’s entrance into Jerusalem to teach love and justice for all humanity and to sacrifice Himself for the liberation and redemption of all.
* 4/6: Day commemorating the birth of Mahavira Vardhamana Jinaspatna (599 BCE), founder of the Jain faith. Jainas practice harmlessness, simplicity, and charity to attain enlightenment and unity with Deity.
* 4/6: Day the Hutus began genocidal massacres of Tutsis in Rwanda (1994); vigil for true peace, justice, and respect for the human rights of all in Africa.
* 4/7 (10:35 p.m. EDT): Full Moon (White/Virgin Moon) (Aries Full Moon).
* 4/7: World Health Day—Day to pray for healing of the 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 (1780), Unitarian who believed all concepts of Deity to be aspects of the one Deity, and preached religious tolerance.
* 4/7 eve: Nisfu Sha’ban—Muslim night of repentance for all harm done.
* 4/8: Hana Matsuri–Shinto rite honoring the Kami of Flowers.
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* 4/9: Bahá’ís celebrating the birthday of one Deity as Jalali–Glory.
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* 4/12: Day the first woman was ordained a rabbi in Orthodox Judaism (2006).
* 4/13: Day to give thanks for the fish and seafood we eat (FCMA enacted 1976).
* 4/14: Cetacean Day—Day to honor all creatures of the sea and to meditate on Deity manifesting as sea creatures.
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* 4/20: Day of the Columbine High School massacre (1999). Day to mourn all those killed in schools due to American gun culture 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.

**Nature Focus:**

Ramanavami—Birthday of Hindu God Rama, protector of beloved wife, Goddess Sita.

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**Seasonal Focus:**

Easter/Pascha—Jewish festival recalling their deliverance from slavery in Egypt and celebrating freedom from oppression. Passover Truce.

**Spring rains**

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**Kabbalistic Focus:**

Hesed (Son Vau; Adonai) (m): Love & Kindness; Order & Constructive Power
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GODDESS AS HEALER ... GOD AS THE HEALED ONE
GODDESS AS WATERS OF LIFE ... GOD AS FRUCTIFYING RAINS
GODDESS AS THE OCEANS, SEAS & RIVERS ... GOD AS THE FISHER KING
GODDESS AS INDOMITABLE VIRGIN ... GOD AS HEROIC YOUTH
GODDESS AS THE DOLPHIN / SPARROW ... GOD AS THE SALMON / ROBIN
Seasonal Focus: height of Spring

Nature Focus: light & warming; growth, greening & flowering; berry harvest

Psychological Focus: nurturing peace, love, passion & compassion

MAY

5/16: Day to mourn Chairman Mao Zedong’s “Cultural Revolution” in China (1966).
5/17: Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Azamati–Grandeur.
5/17: Day the Supreme Court concluded that ethic-based segregation of schools violates the U.S. Constitution (1954).
5/18: Feast of Old Greek God Pan, who represents the masculine in Nature and protects men throughout their time.
5/18 to 5/20: Christian days of prayer for bountiful crops, sustainable development, and healing of environmental abuses.
5/19: Old Celtic/Irish feast in which sacred healing wells and springs were adorned with flowers in honor of Goddess Brigid.
5/19: Day the first woman was ordained a rabbi in Reconstructionist Judaism (1974).
5/19 eve: Laylat al-Qadr/Night of Power–Commemorates the first revelation of the Qur’an to Muslim Prophet Muhammad by the Angel Gabriel in 610 CE. The Qur’an says: “Let there be no compulsion in religion.”
5/20: Day the Supreme Court concluded that, under the U.S. Constitution, freedom of religious belief is absolute, but action is subject to nondiscriminatory laws (1940).
5/20: Day the Supreme Court recognized that discrimination against lesbians and gays violates the U.S. Constitution (1996).
5/21: Beginning of Gemini (the Twins/Lovers/Partners).
5/21: Death day of Jane Addams (1935), social worker, feminist, and peace advocate.
5/22 (1:38 p.m. EDT): New Moon.
5/22: Biological Diversity Day–Day to recognize that the survival of humanity is dependent on the survival of the many diverse species on the Earth.
5/22: Vigil for peace, justice, and respect for the human rights of all in Yemen, in the throes of civil war.
5/22 eve: Old European feast of the Triple Goddess (of the Moon and the Seasons), marking the transformation of the Virgin into the Mother.
5/23: Birthday of Margaret Fuller (1810), Transcendentalist and feminist who argued that women have immortal souls.
5/23 eve to 5/26 eve: Eid al-Fitr–Muslim festival celebrating the end of Ramadan.
5/23: Memorial Day–Day to honor all soldiers who fought honorably in war and to mourn all of war’s victims.
5/25 to 5/26: Birthday of Rachel Carson (1907), biologist who began the environmental movement.
5/25: Day to mourn the 4,000 Cherokees who died on the “Trail of Tears” in 1836-1839.
5/26 to 5/30: Celebration of the first fruits of the grain harvest. Originally, loaves of bread were offered to Elohim.
5/27: Birth day of Baha’i Prophet Baha’u’lIah (1892). Baha’u’lIah believed Deity to be male, female, and beyond gender.
5/30: Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on Bodhisattva Goddess Red Tara, protector against evil and harm.
5/31: Day the Supreme Court ruled that the covenant of the United States’ Constitution is not affected by the decision regarding the defense of marriage.
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### May Visible Planets

- **Morning:** Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus (5/16-31), Neptune.
- **Evening:** Mercury (twilight) (5/12-31), Venus (twilight) (5/1-28).
- **Conjunction:** Venus & Mercury (5/22).

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**Goddess as Source of Love & Compassion ... God as Source of Joy & Pleasure**

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**Goddess as Source of Female Fertility ... God as Source of Male Fertility**

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**Goddess as Flowering Vegetation ... God as Leafy Vegetation**

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**Goddess as Bride ... God as Bridegroom**

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**Goddess as the Swan / Ewe ... God as the Swan / Ram & Lamb**

**6/1:** Partners’ Day—Day to give thanks to your spouse/partner for precious love shared.  
**6/1 to 6/30:** June dedicated to Old Roman Goddess *juno*—partner of *jove* (God of Happiness), protector of marriage and family, and punisher of adulterous spouses.  
**6/1 to 6/30:** 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).  
**6/4:** 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 to 6/7:** An Earth Day to celebrate the birth, enlightenment, and parinirvana of Buddha Siddhartha Gautama (563-483 BCE).  
**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:** Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for mindfully seeing the interdependence of all things at all times.  
**6/6:** First appearance of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Compassionate Mother who answers all pleas (France 1830).  
**6/7:** Trinity Sunday—Christian celebration of the one universal Deity as *Holy Heavenly Father,* Holy Spirit Mother, and Holy Christ Child.  
**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 the sustainable management of all ocean resources.  
**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 (or 6/14):** Corpus Christi—Christian day for veneration of *Christ Immanuel* in the Host—divine immanence in the grain.  
**6/11:** Birthday of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan (1881), founder of Reconstructionist Judaism. He perceived Deity to be a genderless Cosmic Force of Nature, and promoted a Judaism that recognizes gender equality and rejects violence and social injustice.  
**6/12:** Vigil for respect for the human rights of all in Russia.  
**6/13:** Old Egyptian feast of Neteret *Hathor,* Goddess of Love and Fertility.  
**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:** Suijin Matsuri—Shinto rite honoring the *Kami* *Shang-Ti/Heavenly Emperor,* Father of Justice and Law, and *Kami* *Great Spirit/Great Mystery* (past and present), make reparation, and offer prayers for the needs of their children.  
**6/16:** Vigil for lost fathers; night of mourning and healing.  
**6/17:** Day the world’s nations committed to sustainable development (1992).  
**6/17:** Morana—First appearance of *Inti Rayni*—Inca festival honoring Sun God *Inti.*  
**6/18:** First day of the Stonewall *riot* (1969); day to mourn victims of homophobia (past and present), make peace, and celebrate lesbian and gay empowerment.  
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**6/20:** Solar Power Day.  
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**6/20 to 6/23:** Lakota Sun Dance—Festival of prayer, fasting, dancing, and healing in honor of Sun *Wakashakan*; offerings are also made to *Maka/Mother Earth* and *Haukahi/Father Sky.* Lakotas believe all Deities are aspects of Creator *Takuskanskan.*  
**6/20 to 6/21:** Holy Week—Day to mourn the continuing violence perpetrated against African-Americans and God *Jariilo* marry, bringing peace and ensuring a good harvest.  
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**6/21:** Beginning of Cancer (the Crab/Scarab).  
**6/21:** Taoist festival honoring Shang-Ti/Heavenly Emperor, Father of Justice and Law, and manifestation of the Te (Virtuous Inner Power). Also celebrates the peak of the masculine Yang half of the year and the Shen of Fire, South, and Summer; prayers are made for strength and maturity, and offerings are made to the ancestors.  
**6/21:** Yoruba/Santeria feast of Orisha *Babalu Aye,* Guardian of the Disabled.  
**6/21 to 6/24:** Iroquois Green Bean Ceremony—in thanksgiving for the bean harvest.  
**6/22:** Day a court declared slavery inconsistent with English common law, serving as a catalyst for the abolitionist movement (1772).  
**6/23 eve to 6/24 eve:** Feast of Old Greek Goddess *Athena*—as protector and defender.  
**6/23 eve to 6/24 eve:** Zoroastrian celebration of Divine Spirit *Haurvatat,* Life’s Light.  
**6/24:** First appearance of Our Lady of Medjugorie, Queen of Peace, Mother of All Peoples (Yugoslovia 1981).  
**6/24:** Day Saudi Arabian women were first legally allowed to drive (2018).  
**6/24 to 6/27:** Zuni Corn Dance—fertility and rains to aid the maize, bean, and squash crops. Prayer sticks are planted in the fields.  
**6/25:** Day the first woman was ordained a Universalist minister in the U.S. (1863).  
**6/25:** Day the Supreme Court recognized that government-sponsored prayer in public schools imposes religion on students and violates the U.S. Constitution (1962).  
**6/26:** Day the U.N. Security Council was created to maintain world peace (1945).  
**6/26:** Day torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment were outlawed worldwide (1987); day to mourn their continued existence.  
**6/26:** Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on and emulate Bodhisatta Goddess Red Tara’s conquest of fear and anger.  
**6/27:** First day of the Stonewall 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 of Divine Spirit *Haurvatat.*  
**6/30:** Oharai/Grand Puri Festival—via positiva (the positive way) — changing to — via negativa (the negative way) — (Iroquois), Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as *Nur*—Light. Baha’is recognize ethnic equality.  
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**6/30:** Inti Rayni–Inca festival honoring Sun God *Inti.*  
**6/30:** Feast of the Great Spirit/Great Mystery that encompasses *Mother Earth* and *Father Sky,* honoring Deity as *Orenda* (Iroquois), *Wiakan Tanika* (Lakota) & *Awanavilona* (Zuni).  
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**June Visible Planets:** Morning...Venus (twilight) (6/11-30), Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune. Evening...Mercury (twilight) (6/1-22).

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**Goddess as Comforter & Protector ... God as Challenger & Liberator**

**Goddess as the Full Moon ... God as the Sun at its Apex**

**Goddess as the Mountains & Winds ... God as the Desert & Heat**

**Goddess as Mother & Wife ... God as Father & Husband**

**Goddess as the Lioness / Swallow ... God as the Lion / Eagle**
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 Haorvat, creator and protector of water.
7/1: Day the world’s nations committed to stop proliferation of nuclear weapons (1968); vigil to protest the production and use of all nuclear weapons world-wide.
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: Visitation Day—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 7/9: 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.
7/4 (8:00 a.m. EDT): Earth Aphelion—when the Earth is farthest from the Sun.
7/4: Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for being mindful that alienation and hunger for possessions results from ignorance of interconnectedness.
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.
7/5 (12:44 a.m. EDT): Full Moon (Red/Mother Moon) (Cancer Full Moon).
7/5: Day Tibetan and Mahayana Buddhists do good deeds and chant the name of Buddha God Amitabha to gain entry to His Pure Land and aid in attaining nirvana.
7/6: Birthday of Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama.
7/7: Tabanata—Shinto rite honoring the Kami of the Stars.
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 Srebenica, Bosnia, fell to attacking Serbs (1995), beginning a massacre of thousands of civilians because of their ethnicity and religion; day to mourn the excessive use of force by police officers; day to mourn racism in law enforcement.
7/11: Day South Africa’s apartheid was internationally outlawed (1976); birthday of Nelson Mandela, non-violent anti-apartheid activist (1918).
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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 7/25 (1/723): 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: Birthday of Mary Baker Eddy (1821), founder of Christian Science, who honored Deity as Father-Mother God.
7/17: Old Egyptian birthday feast of Netseret Isis—partner and true love of Osiris, and mother of Horus; guide of all wives, mothers, healers, advocates, and teachers.
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7/18: Day South Africa’s apartheid was internationally outlawed (1976); birthday of Nelson Mandela, non-violent anti-apartheid activist (1918).
7/19: Secular Humanism Day—Day to celebrate all life-affirming humanist, rationalist, and scientific belief systems.
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).
7/19 to 8/1: Old Egyptian festival marking the return to Egypt of Netseret Isis, Neter Osiris, and the rains that inundate the Nile River.
7/20 to 7/26: Iroquois Green Corn Ceremony—in thanksgiving for the maize harvest.
7/21 eve to 7/22 eve: Hekatombiai Noumenia/ Old Athenian New Year—Old Greek festival honoring all the Gods and Goddesses.
7/22: Christian feast of St. Mary Magdalene, 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: Vigel for peace, democratic government, freedom of religion, and respect for the human rights of all in Egypt.
7/24: Chokhor Duchen—Tibetan Buddhist celebration of the Buddha’s first teaching. The Buddha taught an Eightfold Path to enlightenment—right understanding, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right concentration.
7/24: Day that aggressive war was outlawed and the right to defend victims of aggression was recognized world-wide (1929).
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.
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7/27: Vigil for true peace on the Korean peninsula.
7/27 eve to 8/3 eve: Hajj—Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca to honor Allah. Hajj Truce (through Eid al-Adha).
7/28: Day the U.S. Constitution’s 14th Amendment went into effect, guaranteeing due process and equal protection of the law to all (1866).
7/29 eve to 7/30 eve: Tisha B’Av—Jewish fast day mourning the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem dedicated to Elbhim.
7/29 eve to 8/17 eve (8/12 peak): Perseid Meteor Showers.
7/30 eve to 8/2 eve: Eid al-Adha.
7/31 eve to 8/2 eve: Lughnasadh—Old Celtic/ Irish Feast of Goddess Tailtia and God Luglug (Deities of Sustenance and Light).
7/31 eve to 8/6 eve: Mid-Summer/ First Harvest/Lammas.

Creation Spirituality Path: via positiva (the positive way — experiencing awe, happiness & gratitude)
Kabbalistic Focus: Binah (Mother Heh) (f): Insight, Understanding, Intuition, Intellect & Prudence

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### July Visible Planets:

- **Morning:** Mercury (twilight) (7/10-31), Venus (twilight), Mars, Jupiter (7/1-14), Saturn (7/1-20), Uranus, Neptune.
- **Evening:** Jupiter (7/14-31), Saturn (7/20-31).
- **All Night/Opposition:** Jupiter (7/14), Saturn (7/20).

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

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

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*July Visible Planets:* Morning...Mercury (twilight) (7/10-31), Venus (twilight), Mars, Jupiter (7/1-14), Saturn (7/1-20), Uranus, Neptune. Evening...Jupiter (7/14-31), Saturn (7/20-31).

*All Night/Opposition...* Jupiter (7/14), Saturn (7/20).
AUGUST

Birthday of Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi (1924), founder of the Jewish Renewal Movement. The Jewish Renewal Movement seeks to fully embrace egalitarianism, environmentalism, pacifism, and deep ecumenism.

* 8/18 (10:41 p.m. EDT): New Moon.

* 8/18: Day Islamic leaders declared that Muslims have a religious duty to fight climate change (2015).

* 8/19: Vinalia—Old Roman Festival of thanksgiving for the first of the grape harvest.

* 8/19: World Humanitarian Day—Day of Remembrance for Tahirih (d. 1852), feminist, poet, nun who served the poorest of the poor and saw Deity in each person. She witnessed her faith in the power of women to transform the world.


* 8/19: Feast of the Black Madonna.

* 8/3: Full Moon (Grain-Harvest/Thunder Moon) (Leo Full Moon).

* 8/3: Day the production and use of cluster munitions was outlawed worldwide (2010); day to mourn their victims.

* 8/3: Day to mourn the practice of mountaintop removal mining.

* 8/4 to 8/7: Zuni Corn Dance—in thanksgiving to Mother Earth, the Kosos (Nature Spirits), and the Corn Maidens for the maize harvest.

* 8/5: Death day of Rabbi Isaac Luria (1572), Kabbalistic mystic. He taught that the Shekhinah will restore cosmic order with reunification of the Godhead.

* 8/5 eve to 8/6 eve: Synoikia—Old Greek Festival celebrating the peaceful cooperation of states.

* 8/6 (OC 8/19): Transfiguration Day—Christian feast celebrating the revelation of Lord Jesus as the Cosmic Christ and friend to all humanity.

* 8/6: Day to mourn those harmed by the atomic bomb attacks on Japan (1945); day to advocate for world-wide prohibition of all weapons of mass destruction.

* 8/6: Day the Voting Rights Act became law (1965)—register to vote!

* 8/6 to 8/7: Old Egyptian festival of Neter Thoth, God of Knowledge and Wisdom.

* 8/7: Gaia Consciousness Day—Day to meditate on Mother Earth as a living planet.

* 8/8: Vigil for continuing progress in Burma’s democratic evolution, religious tolerance, and respect for human rights.

* 8/8: Day to mourn fracking’s exemption from regulatory control (2005). Fracking is believed to sicken residents in the vicinity of the wells.

* 8/9: World’s Indigenous Peoples’ Day—Day to celebrate the empowerment of indigenous peoples worldwide; vigil for justice and respect for the social, cultural, and political rights of all indigenous peoples.

* 8/10: Remembrance day for Nicholas of Cusa (d. 1464), Christian mystic who believed all creation to be the unfolding of Deity.

* 8/11: Christian feast of St. Clare of Assisi (d. 1253), guide of environmentalists.


* 8/12: Day Pope Pius XII proclaimed the theory of evolution to be consistent with Catholic teaching and Christian faith (1950). Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis concurred.

* 8/12 eve to 8/18 eve: Panathenaic—Old Greek Festival of Goddess Athene—as daughter of Wisdom (Goddess Metis) and font of reason.

* 8/13: Birthday of Lucy Stone (1818), social worker and non-violent advocate for women’s rights.

* 8/15: Kaza Matsuri—Shinto rite honoring the Kami of Wind.

* 8/15 (OC 8/28): Christian feast commemorating Blessed Mother Mary rising into Heaven and being crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth.

* 8/15: Day India was partitioned into India and Pakistan, and Kashmir joined India over Pakistan’s objection (1947); vigil for true peace, justice, and religious tolerance for all in South Asia.

* 8/16 to 8/26: Paryusana—Jain festival of recitation of holy scripture, fasting, self-discipline, introspection, and reserve.

* 8/17: The Festival of Deity.

* 8/18: Day Islamic leaders declared that Muslims have a religious duty to fight climate change (2015).

* 8/19: Vinalia—Old Roman Festival of thanksgiving for the first of the grape harvest.

* 8/19: World Humanitarian Day—Day to honor humanitarian workers worldwide; day to aid those in need.

* 8/19 eve to 8/29 eve: Muharram/Islamic New Year (Year 1442) & A’ashurah. The Five Pillars of Islam are confession, prayer, alms-giving, fasting, and pilgrimage. Muharram Truce (through A’ashurah).

* 8/21: Birthday of Rabbi Yisrael Ben Eliezer (Israel Baal Shem Tov) (1698), Kabbalistic mystic and founder of Hasidic Judaism. He believed that the whole Universe and all things are manifestations of Deity.

* 8/27: Birthday of Mother Teresa (Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu) (1910), Catholic nun who served the poorest of the poor and saw Deity in each person. She witnessed her faith by example and respected those of other faiths.

* 8/28: Dakas’ Day—Day Tantric Buddhists make offerings to the Dakas and Father Tantra; day to unite will and power to manifest positive social change and environmental healing.


* 9/28: Opening of the Second World Parliament of Religions (1993), attended by members of all the world’s religions. A Global Ethic was adopted that condemns hatred, aggression, oppression, and environmental abuses committed in the name of religion.

* 8/29: Vigil to demand an end to all nuclear testing to ensure a safer more peaceful world.

* 8/29: Birthday of Henry Bergh (1811), non-violent advocate for animal rights; day to advocate for laws protecting animals from abuse.

* 8/30 eve to 8/31 eve: Old Greek festival honoring Athen Polias and Zeus Polios as protectors of city and state.

* 8/31: Remembrance day for Tahiri (d. 1852), feminist, poet, scholar, and preacher of the nascent Baha’i Faith. Baha’i recognize gender equality.
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**GODDESS AS THE HIND / WILD BIRDS ... GOD AS THE STAG / WILD ANIMALS**

August Visible Planets: Morning...Mercury (twilight) (8/1-9), Venus (twilight), Mars, Uranus, Neptune. Evening...Mercury (twilight) (8/27-31), Jupiter, Saturn.
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

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**September Visible Planets:** Morning...Venus (twilight), Mars, Uranus, Neptune (9/1-11). Evening...Mercury (twilight), Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune (9/11-30). All Night/Opposition...Neptune (9/11).
**Seasonal Focus:** height of Autumn
**Nature Focus:** cooling; leaves changing; completion of harvest; migration begins
**Psychological Focus:** letting go & endings; purging of Divine Spirit

OCTOBER

- **9/29 eve to 10/8 eve:** Greater Eleusinian Mysteries. **10/1:** (505 p.m. EDT): Full Moon (Indigo/Wise-Crone Moon) (Libra Full Moon). **10/1:** Vigil for freedom of religion in China. **10/1:** Day of the Las Vegas massacre (2017). Day to mourn 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. **10/1 to 10/9:** Navajo Sing—Festival in thanksgiving for the harvest. Etsanatheli Changing Woman is believed to represent life, and is manifested in the harvest. **10/2:** Feast of the Guardian Angels; day to honor one’s personal guardian and guide. **10/2:** Non-Violence Day—Day to assess your exposure to violence in all its forms and to purge it from your life. **10/2:** Birthday of Mahatma Mohandas Gandhi (1869), Hindu advocate for human rights and self-reliance. Gandhi envisioned a world where members of all faiths would live harmoniously together. **10/2 eve to 10/9 eve:** Sukkot/Feast of Ingathering—Jewish thanksgiving for the fruit harvest. **10/3:** Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for being mindful that fear and hatred of others results from ignorance of interconnectedness. **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 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:** Chinese Buddhist festival of Goddess Kuan Yin; celebrates Her attainment of Bodhisattvahood. **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 Matthew Shepard was tortured and left to die because he was gay (1998); day to mourn the violence perpetrated against gays and lesbians because of their sexual orientation. **10/7:** Vigil for peace, justice, and respect for the human rights of all in Afghanistan. **10/9 eve to 10/10 eve:** Shemini Atzeret/Feast of Assembly—Jewish festival of praise and thanksgiving for life-giving rain. **10/10:** Fall Migratory Bird Day. **10/10 eve to 10/11:** Birthday of Eleanor Roosevelt (1884), advocate for world-wide recognition of the rights of all. **10/11:** Opening of Vatican II Council, during which the Catholic Church committed to ecumenism, freedom of religion, and social justice (1962). **10/12:** (Obs. 10/12): Columbus Day—Day to mourn Native American victims of conquest and oppression (past and present), make peace, and celebrate empowerment of Native Americans. **10/12:** Day the first woman was ordained a Methodist minister in the U.S. (1880). **10/12 to 10/16:** Zoroastrian celebration of Divine Spirit Ame-regat, creator and protector of vegetation. **10/13:** Final appearance of Our Lady of Fatima, Lady of Oracles and Miracles (Portugal 1917). **10/13 eve to 10/14 eve:** Old Greek festival honoring Gaia and the Nymphs (the male and female Spirits of Nature). **10/14 to 10/28:** (10/24): Old Norse Winter Nights Feast—The ancestors were remembered and offerings were made to the Deities (particularly the Norns, Freya, and the Disir) to survive the season. **10/15:** Day the #MeToo movement began (2017). Me Too protests against sexual assault and sexual harassment of women by powerful men. **10/16:** (3:31 p.m. EDT): New Moon. **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. **10/16 eve:** Old European feast of the Triple Goddess (Goddess of the Moon and the Seasons), marking the transformation of the Mother into the Crone. **10/17:** Old Egyptian feast of Neteret Hathor, Goddess of Fate. **10/17:** Shukaku Matsuri—Shinto rite offering thanks and first fruits of the rice harvest to the Kami. **10/17 to 10/26:** 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. **10/17 eve to 10/18 eve:** Remembrance day for Rabi’a al-bint Isma’il ‘Adawiya (717-801), Sufi saint and preacher; she loved Deity passionately. Sufis seek Truth through love, wisdom, and action. **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. **10/21:** Day military attacks on civilians were outlawed world-wide (1950); day to mourn all civilian victims of war. **10/21:** Day marine mammals became legally protected from harassment, hunting, capture, and killing (MMPA enacted 1972). **10/22 eve to 10/23 eve:** Proerosia—Old Greek festival in which fruits of all the harvest were offered to Goddess Demeter. **10/23:** Beginning of Scorpio (the Scorpion). **10/24:** Yoruba/Santeria feast of Orisha Erínte, Healer of the Sick and Injured. **10/24:** Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on and emulate Bodhisattva Goddess Gold Tara’s conquest of desire for unneeded things. **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. **10/24 to 10/31:** Navapad Oli—Jain period of fasting, recitation of holy scripture, and meditation on the principles of right knowledge, right faith, right conduct, and right penance. **10/27:** Day to mourn the continuing violence perpetrated against Jewish-Americans by anti-Semites. **10/27 eve to 10/30 eve:** Thesmophoria—Old Greek festival commemorating Goddess Kore eloping to Elysium with God Dionysos. **10/28:** Day the world’s nations committed to biodiversity and ecosystem conservation (1982). **10/28 to 11/3:** Isia—Old Romano-Egyptian festival recalling God Set killing God Ostris; Goddess Isis mourning Him, resurrecting Him, and conceiving God Harus with Him; and Ostris becoming Lord of Amenta, realm of the dead. **10/28 eve to 10/29 eve:** Mavlid al-Nabi—Day commemorating the birth of Muslim Prophet Muhammad (570). He conceived Deity to be a compassionate, genderless unity. **10/31:** Just after 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/Halloweenas.

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- **Creation Spirituality Path:** via negativa (the negating way — dealing with challenges & suffering)
- **Kabbalistic Focus:** Hokmah (Mother Heh; Torah) (f): Wisdom, Eternal Truth & Divine Law
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- **GODDESS AS OWL / MIGRATING BIRDS ... GOD AS IBIS / DYING CREATURES**

*October Visible Planets: Morning...Venus (twilight), Mars (10/1-13), Uranus. Evening...Mercury (twilight) (10/1-20), Mars (10/13-31), Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus (10/31), Neptune. All Night/Opposition...Mars (10/13), Uranus (10/31).*
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 Ceridwen (Godness of Death) and Beli (the Holly King—God of the Waning Sun). **10/31 eve to 11/7 eve:** Mid-Autumn/Day of the Dead/Halloween—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 remembered departed ancestors and contemplating one’s own mortality. **11/1 (2:00 a.m.):** Daylight Savings Time ends—set clocks back 1 hour. **11/1:** All Saints Day—Day Christians remember all the virtuous dead, known and unknown. **11/2:** Aztec Day of the Dead—Day for honoring the departed and Mictlanciuhtli-Miclanctehualli, Goddess-God of the Dead. Aztecs believe all Gods and Goddesses are united in Great God-Goddess Omecatl. **11/2:** Hopi & Zuni Ancestors’ Day—Food offerings are put into rivers and lakes in honor of the ancestors. **11/2:** All Souls Day—Day Christians remember all the beloved dead. **11/3:** Election Day—remember to vote! **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:** Bahá’í feast honoring the one Deity as Qudrat—Divine Power. **11/4 eve to 11/7 eve:** Apaturia—Old Greek festival in which newcomers and children were welcomed into the community. **11/6:** World Community Day—Day for celebrating the unity beyond diversity and remembering we are all one people—all children of the one universal Deity of many names and aspects. **11/7:** Lha Bab Duchen—Day Tibetan Buddhists celebrate the Buddha’s descent from heaven after teaching the Dharma there. **11/7:** Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for mindfully seeing and acting with compassion for the Earth and all creatures. **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). **11/9:** Birthday of Fr. Thomas Berry (1914), Catholic priest, eco-theologian, and cosmologist, who advocated for deep ecology and eco-spirituality. **11/9:** Day to mourn the violence perpetrated against Muslim-Americans by Islamicophobic Christian extremists. **11/9 eve:** Krystalnacht—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 Baldor (God of Light), and his true love Namma (Goddess of Flowers) dying of a broken heart. The dead were honored. **11/12:** Birthday of Sr. Juana de la Cruz (1653), 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 Bahá’u’lláh (1817), mystic and founder of the Bahá’í Faith. **11/12 to 11/15:** Diwali/Lunar New Year/Festival of Lights—Hindu festival for Goddess Lakshimi (source of health, fertility, and prosperity) and Her consort, God Vishnu (the preserver); focus is on peace-making and new beginnings. **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 making kindness the basis for all encounters every day. **11/14 eve to 11/20 eve (11/17 peak):** Leonid Meteor Showers. **11/14 to 11/27:** Hopi & Zuni Shalako Festival—welcoming back to the pueblo the Kachinas/Kokos—Spirits of Nature and the ancestors that provide protection, health, fertility, and food. **11/15 (12:07 a.m. EST):** New Moon. **11/15:** Kali Puja—Hindu festival honoring Great Goddess Maha Devi as Kali—decay, death, and transformation. **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:** Jnau Panchami—Day that Jaines celebrate knowledge, education, and holy books. **11/19:** Fast for an Abundant World Harvest—Day to fast and commit to action to help prevent deaths from malnourishment world-wide. **11/19:** Great American Smokeout—Day to give up smoking to preserve one’s own health and the health of loved ones. **11/20:** Remembrance day for Meister Johannes Eckhart (d. 1328), Christian mystic. He taught the four ways of the mystic’s journey. **11/20:** Day to mourn those killed because of their transgender identity. **11/22:** Beginning of Sagittarius (the Hunter/Huntress). **11/22:** Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on Bodhisattva Goddess White Tara, who guides the dead to Buddha Amitabha’s Pure Land, where all will find salvation. **11/23:** Bahá’í feast honoring the one Deity as Qayl—Sacred Speech. **11/23:** Youriba/Santeria feast of Oya, Orisha of Death and Rebirth. **11/25:** Day to raise awareness of the immorality (and illegality) of violence against women and girls world-wide. **11/25 eve to 11/26 eve:** Day commemorating the death of Abdul Qadir Jilani (1166), Sufi saint who was renown for his compassion, particularly for the poor. **11/26:** Thanksgiving Day—Day to give thanks for the abundance of our land and for our food, clothes, shelter, and health. **11/26:** Death day of Sojourner Truth (1883), Christian preacher and non-violent advocate for the rights of women and African Americans. **11/28:** Birthday of William Blake (1757), artist, poet, and mystic, who recognized the unity of all religions. **11/28:** Day the Women’s Ordination Conference opened, advocating the ordination of women priests in the Catholic Church (1975). **11/29:** Vigil for recognition of the state of Palestine and for recognition of all human rights of all its citizens (whether Muslim, Jewish, or Christian). **11/29 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. **11/30 (4:29 a.m. EST):** Full Moon (Snow/Fire Moon) (Sagittarius Full Moon). **11/30:** Day commemorating the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib (1469), founder of the Sikh faith.

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**Kabbalistic Focus:** Gevurah (Daughter Heh; Matronit; Lilith) (f): Justice, Judgment & Conscience; Chaos & Destructive Power

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November Visible Planets: Morning...Mercury (twilight), Venus (twilight). Evening...Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune.

GODDESS AS CONSCIENCE ... GOD AS CONSCIOUSNESS

GODDESS AS JUSTICE: PUNISHMENT ... GOD AS THE VICTIM OF INJUSTICE

GODDESS AS INTERCESSOR: MERCY ... GOD AS THE FORGIVING ONE

GODDESS AS THE DESTROYER ... GOD AS DECAY AND DEATH

GODDESS AS THE WOLF / VULTURE ... GOD AS THE SCORPION / HAWK
DECEMBER

- **11/29 to 12/24** (OC 11/28 to 1/6): Advent/Festival of Lights. **12/1:** World AIDS Day—Day to pray for healing of all those suffering with AIDS and HIV. **12/4:** Yoruba/Santeria feast of Orisha Shango, Defender Against Evil. **12/5:** Mindfulness Day—Zen Buddhist day for mindfully seeing and acting with compassion for the poor and oppressed. **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 exhort Hindus to Earth-life 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:** Day Tibetan Buddhists meditate on Bodhisattva Deities Manjusri and Prajna-Paramita, consciousness and empowerment of Wisdom. **12/10:** Birthday of John Murray (1741), Trinitarian Universalist who believed that Jesus died to save all humanity, not just Christians. **12/10:** Day the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted, and fundamental rights were recognized world-wide (1948). **12/10:** Day the Catholic Church prohibited attempts to convert Jews, concluding it is theologically unquestionable that Jews have been granted salvation by God without belief in Jesus (2015). **12/10 eve to 12/18 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. **12/11:** 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:** Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Masa’il—Mystery. **12/12 eve to 12/13 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. **12/13:** 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** (11:16 a.m. EST): New Moon. **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 due to American gun culture and access to firearms by the mentally ill. **12/15:** Old Egyptian festival of Neteter Amnet-Raat-Mst, the primordial Great Mother. **12/15:** Day the Bill of Rights became part of the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing fundamental rights to all (1791). **12/15:** Death day of Fr. Pavel Florensky (1943), Orthodox Christian mystic who taught that Holy Wisdom is Our Mother, the Holy Spirit, third part of the Holy Trinity. **12/16 to 12/24:** Christmas Novena/ Las Posadas—Christian remembrance of the journey of Blessed Mary and St. Joseph to Bethlehem. **12/17:** Yoruba/Santeria feast of Orisha Bahalu Aye, Healer of Deadly Diseases. **12/17:** Day the Clean Air Act was enacted (1963); day to give thanks for the air we breathe. **12/17 to 12/23:** Saturnalia/Opalia—Old Roman festival honoring God Saturn (the weak Sun) & Goddess Ops (the fallow Earth); celebrated with gift-giving, revelry, and abolition of all class distinctions. **12/17 eve to 12/18 eve:** Feast of Old Greek Goddess Athena—as protector and defender. **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 (5:02 a.m. EST):** Winter Solstice/Solar New Year—Marks the beginning of Winter and the shortest day and longest night of the year; celebration of the darkness with dancing near the hearth fire. **12/21 to 12/22:** Old European Festival of Evergreen Trees; merged into International Arbor Day. Celebrated by planting trees and hanging wreaths (symbols of eternal life). **12/21 to 12/25:** Old Romano-Egyptian festival of Goddess Isis giving birth to God Horus. **12/21 to 1/9:** Hopi & Zuni Soyala New Year Festival of purification and renewal. **12/22:** Beginning of Capricorn (the Goat). **12/22:** Taoist festival honoring Wang-Mu/Empress Mother, Mother of Compassion and Wisdom, and manifestation of the Tao (Cosmic Power, the 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:** Tohji-Taisai—Shinto rite honoring Sun Goddess Amaterasu. Storm God Susano-o angered Her, and She withdrew into a cave until enticed out with music and dance. **12/22:** Birthday of Lily Montagu (1873), who co-founded Liberal Judaism in 1902. She was the first Jewish woman to serve as lay minister, both officiating and preaching. **12/22 eve to 12/23 eve:** Feast of God Poseidon, Goddess Amphitrite, and all Old Greek Gods and Goddesses of the seas. **12/24 eve:** Mother Night—Christian vigil for the laboring Blessed Mary. **12/25 (OC 1/7):** Christmas—Christian celebration of Blessed Mother Mary giving birth to Child Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. **12/25 to 1/5:** Yule—Old Anglo-Teutonic festival honoring Freyr and Freyja (Detties of Fertility) and the newborn Balder (God of Light), son of Frigg and Odin. Celebrated with evergreens, fires, and feasting. **12/26:** Day commemorating the death of Zoroastrian Prophet Zarathustra (551 BCE). Zoroastrians worship Deity Ahura Mazda, who is symbolized by a sacred fire. **12/26 to 1/1:** Kwanzaa—Festival celebrating positive African traditions; emphasizes unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, 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). **12/29 (10:28 p.m. EST):** Full Moon (Black/Death-Crone Moon) (Capricorn Full Moon). **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:** Oharai/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:** Baha’i feast honoring the one Deity as Shari’—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.

*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

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**December Visible Planets:**

Morning...Mercury (twilight) (12/1-3), Venus (twilight).

Evening...Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune. Conjunction...Jupiter & Saturn (12/21).

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- **GODDESS AS DARKNESS ... GOD AS LIGHT**
- **GODDESS AS THE DARK MOON ... GOD AS THE RE-BIRTHING SUN**
- **GODDESS AS THE EVERGREEN TREE ... GOD AS THE SNOW**
- **GODDESS AS BIRTHING MOTHER ... GOD AS NEWBORN CHILD**
- **GODDESS AS THE BEAR MOTHER ... GOD AS THE BEAR CUB**
January Experiential Meditations
- New Moon: Alone in a completely dark room or cave, mindfully sit still and silent. Experience Deity with all your senses: all that you see, smell, hear, taste, and touch; recognize the oneness of all. Meditation: personal transformation.
- Waxing Moon: Alone in a completely dark room or cave, chant names or attributes of Deity (or play gentle wordless music), while swaying gently to the music. Meditation: peace and healing for all.
- Full Moon: Alone in a completely dark room or cave, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while swaying exuberantly. Meditation: respect and compassion for all.
- Waning Moon: Alone in a completely dark room or cave, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

January Empowering Meditation*
Confront the Negative Voice that insists that your 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### June Art As Meditation
- Explore the music, dance, and art of Renaissance/Classic 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: peace and healing for all.
- **Full Moon**: Alone in a wheat or corn field at night, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while dancing exuberantly. Meditation: respect and compassion for all.
- **Waning Moon**: Alone in a wheat or corn field at mid-day, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

July Empowering Meditation

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

July Art As Meditation

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

July Action Offerings

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

August Experiential Meditations

- **New Moon**: Alone 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: peace and healing for all.
- **Full Moon**: Alone out on a windy or stormy day, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while dancing exuberantly. Meditation: respect and compassion for all.
- **Waning Moon**: Alone out on a windy or stormy day, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

August Empowering Meditation

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

August Art As Meditation

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

August Action Offerings

- Heal and nurture relationships with your coworkers 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: peace and healing for all.
- **Full Moon**: Alone in a vegetable garden at night, sing sacred songs of love and praise (or play fast wordless music), while dancing exuberantly. Meditation: respect and compassion for all.
- **Waning Moon**: Alone in a vegetable garden at mid-day, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

September Empowering Meditation

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

September Art As Meditation

- Explore the music, dance, and art of Native Americans.
- Express yourself and honor Deity by creating art to represent thanksgiving.

September Action Offerings

- Heal and nurture relationships with your grandparents and grandchildren.
- Do a simple family ritual to give thanks for your harvested fruits and vegetables. Share your harvest with family, friends, and local soup kitchens for the homeless.
- Get involved with a group that advocates equal opportunity in employment, subsidized retraining for the unemployed, a living wage, and pro-family working conditions—such as health care, day care, and reasonable and flexible hours.
- Get involved with a group that aids victims of famine, disease, and other natural calamities.
October Experiential Meditations

- **New Moon**: Alone in a grove of deciduous trees at night, mindfully sit still and silent. Experience Deity with all your senses: what you can see, smell, hear, taste, and touch; recognize the oneness of all. Meditation: personal transformation.
- **Waxing Moon**: Alone in a grove of deciduous trees at mid-day, chant names or attributes of Deity (or play gentle wordless music), while moving gently to the music. Meditation: peace and healing for all.
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- **Waning Moon**: Alone in a grove of deciduous trees at mid-day, pray in thanksgiving to Deity. Meditation: sustenance and justice for all.

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

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

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

November Experiential Meditations

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

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

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

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

December Experiential Meditations

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

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

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

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