RENEGIOUS HOLY DAYS OF 2018

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Jan. 1 - New Year Celebration - SGI Buddhist
Jan. 1 – Mary, Mother of God – Roman Catholic
Jan. 2 – Mahayana New Year (date varies by location/custom) - Buddhist
Jan. 5 - Guru Gobind Singh Birthday Celebration – Sikh
Jan. 6 – Epiphany Day The Baptism of Jesus Christ – Christian, Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic
Jan. 7 – Orthodox Christmas – Julian Calendar Observance
Jan. 14 - Makara Sankranti / Pongal – Hare Krishna, Hindu
Jan. 14 – Orthodox New Year – Julian Calendar Observance
Jan. 15 – Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 21 – World Religion Day – Baha’i
Jan. 30 - Season for Non-violence begins (ends April 4) - Religious Science
Jan. 30-31 – Tu B’Shevat – Jewish

Baha’i - “Blessed is he who preferreth his brother before himself.” - Baha’u’llah

Buddhism - “Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.” - Udana-Varga 5:18

Christianity - “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” - Jesus, The Bible, Luke 6:31

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February

Feb. 1-7 – World Interfaith Harmony Week
Feb. 8 – Nirvana Day (date varies by location/custom) – Buddhist
Feb. 12 – Darwin Day - Humanist
Feb. 13 – Shrove Tuesday - Christian
Feb. 13 - Maha Shivaratri – Hindu, Hare Krishna (Feb. 25)
Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday – Christian (beginning of season of Lent)
Feb. 16 – Chinese New Year – Confucian, Taoist, Buddhist
Feb. 16 – Heavenly Parents Day - Unification
Feb. 19 – Beginning of Lent – Greek Orthodox
Feb. 18 – First Sunday of Lent – Christian
Feb. 21 - True Parents’ Birthday - Unification
Feb. 28 – Ta’anit Esther – Jewish
Feb. 28- Mar. 1 - Purim (Feast of Esther) – Jewish

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Jewish - “Love your neighbor as yourself.” The Torrah, Leviticus 19:18

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Mar. 1 - Gaura-Purnima – (Appearance Day - Lord Chaitanya MahaPrabhu) - Hare Krishna
Mar. 1-2 – Shushan Purim – Jewish
Mar. 1 – Holi (Festival of Color-Spring) – Hare Krishna, Hindu (Mar. 2)
Mar. 1 - Gaura-Purnima – (Appearance Day - Lord Chaitanya MahaPrabhu) - Hare Krishna
Mar. 2 – Hola Mohalla – Sikh
Mar. 13 – Birthday of L. Ron Hubbard, Founder of Scientology
Mar. 16 - Kosen-rufu Day - SGI Buddhist
Mar. 17 – Ugadi – Chandramana (Lunar New Year) – Hindu
Mar 20 - Naw-Ruz - Baha'i New Year
Mar. 25 – The Annunciation / Palm Sunday – Christian
Mar. 25 – Rama-navami – (Birth of Lord Sri Rama) Hare Krishna, Hindu
Mar.29 - Mahavir Jayanti Birth Anniversary – Jain
Mar. 29-30 – Holy Thursday / Good Friday -Christian
Mar. 30- Apr. 7 - Seder / Passover Week – Jewish
Mar. 30 – Sri Hanuman Jayanthi (Birth of Lord Hanuman) – Hindu
Mar. 31 – Lazarus Saturday – Greek Orthodox
Mar. 31 – Easter Vigil - Christian
Mar. 31 – Magha Puja – (Sangha/Community/Congregation) Day (date varies) – Buddhist

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**Apr. 1** – Easter Sunday - Christian / **Apr. 1** – Palm (Passion) Sunday – Greek Orthodox  
**Apr. 5** - International Golden Rule Day  
**Apr. 5-6** – Holy Thursday / Good Friday – Greek Orthodox  
**Apr. 8** – Holy Pascha – Greek Orthodox  
**Apr. 11-12** - Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) – Jewish  
**Apr. 12** – Golden Rule Banquet - AZIFM  
**Apr. 13** – Muhammad’s Night Journey to Heaven – Islam  
**Apr. 13** - Vaisakhi – (Solar New Year) – Hindu  
**Apr. 14** - Baisakhi – (Birth Anniversary of Khalsa) – Sikh  
**Apr. 16** – True Parents’ Day – Unification  
**Apr. 17-18** - HaZikaron (Memorial Day) – Jewish  
**Apr. 18-19** – Yom Ha’ Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) – Jewish  
**Apr. 20** - First Day of Ridván - Baha’i  
**Apr. 27** – Narasimha Jayanti -Hindu  
**Apr. 28** - Establishment of Nichiren Buddhism - SGI Buddhist  
**Apr. 28** – The 9th Day of Ridván – Baha’i  
**Apr. 28** – Narasimha Chaturdasi (Appearance Day – Lord Narasimha Deva) – Hare Krishna  
**Apr. 29** – Visakha Puja (Buddha) Day – Buddhist  
**Apr. 30** – Theravada New Year (date varies by location/custom) – Buddhist

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May 1 – Night of Salvation – (Mid-Shaban) - Islam
May 1 - Twelfth Day of Ridván - Baha'i
May 2 – National Day of Reason – Humanist
May 2-3 – Lag B’Omer – Jewish
May 3 - Soka Gakkai Day - SGI Buddhist
May 9 – 1950 release of *Dianetics* ~ L. Ron Hubbard – Scientology
May 10– Ascension of the Lord – Christian, Roman Catholic
May 12-13 - Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) – Jewish
May 13 – World Falun Dafa Day, Founder Mr. Li Hongzhi’s birthday – Falun Dafa
May 16 – Ramadan begins (Ends Jun. 14) – Islam
May 17 – Holy Ascension – Greek Orthodox
May 19-20 - Shavuot (Festival of Weeks) – Jewish
May 20 – Holy Pentecost – Christian
May 23 - Declaration of the Báb - Baha'i
May 27 – Holy Trinity – Roman Catholic
May 27 – Holy Pentecost – Greek Orthodox
May 28 – Feast of Holy Trinity – Greek Orthodox
May 28 - Ascension of the Bahá'u'lláh - Baha'i

**Scientology- “Two Rules for Happy Living: 1. Be able to experience anything. 2. Cause only those things which others are able to experience easily.” A New Slant on Life, L. Ron Hubbard**

**Native American - “Respect for all life is the foundation.” ~ The Great Law of Peace**

**Taoismism - “I am good to the man who is good to me: Likewise, I am also good to the man who is bad to me.” ~ Tao Te Ching**

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Jun. 3 – All Saints Day – Greek Orthodox  
Jun. 3 – Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – Roman Catholic  
Jun. 6 – Anniversary of the Freewinds Maiden Voyage – Scientology  
Jun. 10 – Race Unity Day – Baha’i  
Jun. 11 – Night of Power (Lailatul-Qadr) – Islam  
Jun. 14 – Day of All True Things - Unification  
Jun. 15-17 – Eid Al-Fitr (Festival of Fast breaking) – Islam  
Jun. 16 – Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Devji – Sikh  
Jun. 21 – World Humanist Day – Humanist  
Jun. 30-Jul. 1 – 17th of Tammuz – Jewish

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Family Federation for World Peace and Unification - “Live for the sake others.” ~ Rev. Sun Myung Moon  
Sikhism - “Don’t create hatred with anyone as God is within everyone. Indeed, I am a friend to all.” ~ Guru Arjan Devji, Siri Guru Granth Sahib

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Jul. 3 - Mentor and Disciple Day - SGI Buddhist
Jul. 9 - Martyrdom of the Báb - Baha’i
Jul. 13 – Ulambana / Obon (remembrance of deceased relatives) (date varies) - Buddhist
Jul. 21-22 – Tish’a B’Av (Fast Day 9th of Av) – Jewish
Jul. 24 - Pioneer Day - L.D.S.
Jul. 27 – Asalha Puja (Dharma/Law/Teaching) Day - Buddhist
Jul. 27 – Guru Purnima – Hindu, Jain

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**Zoroastrianism** - “Do not do unto others whoever is injurious to yourself.” ~ Shayast-na-Shayast 13:29

**Canine** - “Bark less. Wag more.” ~ Unknown

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Aug. 6 – Transfiguration of Jesus Christ – Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox
Aug 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox
Aug. 16 - Completion of Siri Guru Granth Sahib – Sikh
Aug. 20 – Day of Arafaat (hajj) - Islam
Aug. 22 - Eid Al Adha (Festival of Sacrifice) – Islam
Aug. 25 – Raksha Bandhan – Hindu
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- **Sep. 1** – The Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year – Greek Orthodox
- **Sep. 3** – Sri Krishna Janmastami (Birth of Lord Krishna) – Hare Krishna, Hindu
- **Sep. 7** – Paryushana begins 8 Holy Days – Jain
- **Sep. 9** - Auditor's Day – Scientology
- **Sep. 9-11** - Rosh HaShanah (New Year) – Jewish
- **Sep. 11-12** – Islamic New Year – Islam
- **Sep. 12** – Sri Ganesh Chathurthi – Hindu
- **Sep. 13** – Unity World Day of Prayer – Unity
- **Sep. 14** – Elevation of Holy Cross –Greek Orthodox
- **Sep. 14** – Samvatrsari (Paryushan Parva ends) – Jain
- **Sep. 15-24** – Das Lakshana 10 Holy Days – Jain
- **Sep. 16** - Radhastami – (Appearance Day of Radha - Eternal Consort of Krishna) - Hare Krishna
- **Sep. 18-19** - Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) – Jewish
- **Sep. 20** – Ashura – Islam
- **Sep. 21** – International Day of Peace
- **Sep. 23** – Sukkot begins (Feast of the Harvest) – Jewish
- **Sep. 29-Oct 2** – Hoshana Rabbah / Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah (Celebration of Torah) – Jewish

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Oct. 2 – SGI World Peace Day - SGI Buddhist
Oct. 7 - Founding of the International Association of Scientologists
Oct. 9 - Guru Ram Das Ji Birthday – Sikh
Oct. 9 - Navarathri begins (Nine Holy Nights) – Hindu
Oct. 18 - Vijayadashami - Dusserah (Victory of Truth over untruth) – Hare Kirshna, Hindu,
Oct. 20 - Guru Gaddee of Siri Guru Granth Sahib – Sikh
Oct. 21 – Birth of the Báb – Bahá’í
Oct. 22 – Birth of Bahá'u'lláh – Bahá’í

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Nov. 1 - All Saints – Christian  
Nov. 2 - All Souls – Christian  
Nov. 6 – Deepavali / Diwali (Festival of Lights) – Jain, Hindu, Hare Krishna (Nov. 7)  
Nov. 7 - Bandi Chhor Divas – Sikh  
Nov. 8 – True Children’s Day - Unification  
Nov. 8 – Govardhana-puja / New Year – Hare Krishna  
Nov. 18 – Soka Kyoiku Gakkai (predecessor of SGI) founded – SGI Buddhist  
Nov. 21 – Muhammad’s Birthday (Mawlid-al-Nabi) – Islam  
Nov. 22 – Tulasī (Saligrama Marriage) – Hare Krishna  
Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving – Christian Science  
Nov. 23 - Guru Nanak's Birthday – Sikh  
Nov. 25 – Day of the Covenant – Baha’i  
Nov. 25 - Christ the King – Christian  
Nov. 27 – Ascension of ‘Abdu’ll-Bahá – Baha’i

Secular - “We should conduct ourselves toward others as we would like them to act toward us.” ~ Aristotle, 385 B.C. / “If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.” ~ Booker T. Washington

Scientology- “Two Rules for Happy Living: 1. Be able to experience anything. 2. Cause only those things which others are able to experience easily.” A New Slant on Life, L. Ron Hubbard

Hare Krishna - “We should treat others the way we would like to be treated.” ~ MahaBharat

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**RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS OF 2018**

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Dec. 2 – First Sunday of Advent (Advent is 4 weeks) – Christian
Dec. 2-10 - Chanukah (Festival of Religious Freedom) – Jewish
Dec. 8 – Rohatsu (Bodhi Day) – Buddhist
Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception – Roman Catholic
Dec. 10 – Human Rights Day – Humanist
Dec. 18 – Advent of Srimad Bhagavad Gita – Hare Krishna
Dec. 23 – Human Light - Humanist
Dec. 25 - Christmas – Christian
Dec. 25 – Holy Nativity – Greek Orthodox

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**Christianity** - “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” - Jesus, *The Bible, Luke 6:31*

**Native American** - “Respect for all life is the foundation.” ~ *The Great Law of Peace*

**Jewish** - “Love your neighbor as yourself.” *The Torrah, Leviticus 19:18*

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The Golden Rule
from traditions around the world

“A lay not on any soul a load that you would not wish to be laid upon you, and desire not for anyone the things you would not desire for yourself.” ~ Bahá’u’lláh, Gleanings

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” ~ Jesus: The Bible, Luke 6:31

“This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause you pain if done to you.” ~ Mahabharata 5:1517

“No one of you is a believer until you desire for another that which you desire for yourself.” ~ Muhammad: The Sunnah (from the Hadith)

“I love your neighbor as yourself.” ~ The Torah, Leviticus 19:18

“We are as much alive as we keep the earth alive.” ~ Chief Dan George

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“I am good to the man who is good to me: likewise, I am also good to the man who is bad to me.” ~ Tao Te Ching

“We affirm and promote respect because we are part of all existence.” ~ Unitarian Principle

“Do not do unto others whatever is injurious to yourself.” ~ Shayast-na-Shayast 13:29

Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.” ~ Udana-Varga 5:18

“Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you.” ~ Analects 15:23

“Always act so as to elicit the best in others, and thereby yourself” ~ Ethical Culture

“A man should wander about treating all creatures as he himself would be treated.” ~ Satrakritanga 1.11.33

“Respect for all life is the foundation.” ~ The Great Law of Peace

“Two Rules for Happy Living: 1. Be able to experience anything. 2. Cause only those things which others are able to experience easily.” ~ Scientology: A New Slant on Life

“Don’t create hatred with anyone as God is within everyone. Indeed, I am a friend to all.” ~ Guru Arjan Devi, Sri Guru Granth Sahib

“Live for the sake of others.” ~ Rev. Sun Myung Moon

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