## Religious Holy Days of 2020

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Jan. 1 – New Year Celebration – SGI Buddhist
Jan. 1 – Mary, Mother of God – Roman Catholic
Jan. 2 – 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. 10 – Mahayana New Year (date varies by location/custom) – Buddhist
Jan. 14 – Makara Sankranti / Pongal – Hare Krishna, Hindu
Jan. 14 – Orthodox New Year – Julian Calendar Observance
Jan. 19 – World Religion Day – Baha’i
Jan. 20 – Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 25 – Chinese New Year – Confucian, Taoist, Buddhist
Jan. 25 – 55th Heavenly Parents’ Day – FFWPU

**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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Feb. 1-7 – World Interfaith Harmony Week
Feb. 6 – Foundation Day - FFWPU
Feb. 7 – Lord Nityananda Appearance day – Hare Krishna
Feb. 8 – Nirvana Day (date varies by location/custom) – Buddhist
Feb. 9-10 – Tu B’Shevat – Jewish
Feb. 12 – Darwin Day – Humanist
Feb. 21 - Maha Shivaratri – Hindu, Hare Krishna
Feb. 25 – Shrove Tuesday – Christian
Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday – Christian (beginning of season of Lent)

Confucianism - “Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you.” ~Analects 15:23
Hinduism - “This is the sum of duty: do naught unto others which would cause you pain if done to you.” ~Mahabharata 5:1517
Jewish - “Love your neighbor as yourself.” The Torrah, Leviticus 19:18

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Mar. 1 – First Sunday of Lent – Christian
Mar. 2 – Beginning of Lent – Greek Orthodox
Mar. 9 – Ta’anit Esther – Jewish
Mar. 9 – Magha Puja – (Sangha/Community/Congregation) Day (date varies) – Buddhist
Mar. 9 – Gaura-Purnima–(Appearance Day of Lord Chaitanya Mahâprabhu) – Hare Krishna
Mar. 9 – Holi (Festival of Color-Spring) – Hare Krishna, Hindu
Mar. 9-10 – Purim (Feast of Esther) – Jewish
Mar. 10 – Hola Mohalla – Sikh
Mar. 10-11 – Shushan Purim – Jewish
Mar. 13 – Birthday of L. Ron Hubbard, Founder of Scientology
Mar. 16 – Kosen-rufu Day – SGI Buddhist
Mar. 21 – Naw-Ruz – Baha’i New Year
Mar. 22 – Muhammad’s Night Journey to Heaven – Islam
Mar. 22 - Ostara (Vernal Equinox) - Wicca and Neo-Paganism
Mar. 24 – Ugadi – Chandramana (Lunar New Year) – Hindu
Mar. 24 – 61st True Parents Day – FFWPU
Mar. 25 – The Annunciation – Christian

**Islam** – “No one of you is a believer until you desire for another that which you desire for yourself.”

~ Muhammad, The Sunnah (from the Hadith)

**Native Spirituality** – “We are as much alive as we keep the earth alive.”

~ Chief Dan George

**Hare Krishna** – “One who sees the nature of the Supreme Lord in all living beings and who sees all beings in the Lord, and the Lord as the Self, is on the highest level of devotion, a bhagavatottama.”

~ (Srimad Bhagavatam 11.2.45)

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**Sunday, April 2** – Rama-Navami (Birth of Lord Sri Rama) - Hare Krishna, Hindu

**Sunday, April 5** – Palm Sunday - Christian / International Golden Rule Day

**Sunday, April 6** – Mahavir Jayanti Birth Anniversary – Jain

**Sunday, April 7** – Sri Hanuman Jayanti (Birth of Lord Hanuman) – Hindu / **Saturday, April 8** – Night of Salvation – (Mid-Shaban) - Islam

**Sunday, April 9** - 11 – Theravada New Year (date varies by location/custom) – Buddhist

**Sunday, April 9** - 10 – Holy Thursday / Good Friday – Christian

**Monday, April 10** – Holy Thursday / Good Friday – Greek Orthodox

**Friday, April 10** – Holy Thursday / Good Friday – Greek Orthodox

**Sunday, April 12** – Easter Vigil - Christian / Lazarus Saturday – Greek Orthodox / Lag B'Omer – Jewish

**Sunday, April 12** – Easter Sunday – Christian / Palm (Passion) Sunday – Greek Orthodox

**Sunday, April 13** – Baisakhi – (Birth Anniversary Of Khalsa) – Sikh

**Sunday, April 16** - 17 – Holy Thursday / Good Friday – Greek Orthodox

**Sunday, April 16** – Golden Rule Banquet - AZIFM

**Sunday, April 19** – Holy Pascha – Greek Orthodox

**Sunday, April 21** – First Day of Ridván – Baha’i

**Sunday, April 20** – Vaisakhi – (Solar New Year) – Hindu

**Sunday, April 20-21** – Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) – Jewish

**Sunday, April 24** – Ramadan begins (Ends May 23) – Islam

**Sunday, April 25** – Akshaya Tritiya – Hindu

**Sunday, April 27-28** – HaZikaron (Memorial Day) / **Saturday, April 28** – Yom Ha’Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) – Jewish

**Sunday, April 28** – Establishment of Nichiren Buddhism – SGI Buddhist / **Saturday, April 29** – The 9th Day of Ridván – Baha’i

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~ Aristotle, 385 B.C. / “If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.” ~ Booker T. Washington

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

Jainism - “A man should wonder about treating all creatures as he himself would be treated.”

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May 2 – Twelfth Day of Ridván – Baha’i
May 3 - Soka Gakkai Day – SGI Buddhist
May 5 – Narasimha Jayanthi – Hindu
May 6 – Narasimha Chaturdashi (Appearance Day – Lord Narsimha Deva) – Hare Krishna
May 7 – National Day of Reason – Humanist
May 9 – 1950 release of Dianetics ~ L. Ron Hubbard – Scientology
May 13 – World Falun Dafa Day, Founder Mr. Li Hongzhi’s birthday – Falun Dafa
May 19 – Night of Power (Lailatul-Qadr) – Islam
May 21– Ascension of the Lord – Christian, Roman Catholic
May 21–22 Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) – Jewish
May 24– Eid Al-Fitr (Festival of Fast breaking) – Islam
May 24 – Declaration of the Báb – Baha’i
May 28 – Holy Ascension – Greek Orthodox
May 28-30 – Shavuot (Festival of Weeks) – Jewish
May 29 – Ascension of the Bahá’u’lláh – Baha’i
May 31 – Holy Pentecost – Christian

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. 5 – Visakha Puja (Buddha) Day – Buddhist  
Jun. 6 – Anniversary of the Freewinds Maiden Voyage – Scientology  
Jun. 7 – Holy Trinity – Roman Catholic  
Jun. 7 – Holy Pentecost – Greek Orthodox  
Jun. 8 – Feast of Holy Trinity – Greek Orthodox  
Jun. 11 – Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – Roman Catholic  
Jun. 14 – Race Unity Day – Baha’i  
Jun. 14 – All Saints Day – Greek Orthodox  
Jun. 16 – Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev – Sikh  
Jun. 20 – World Humanist Day – Humanist  
Jun. 21 – Litha (Midsummer Solstice) - Wicca and Neo-Paganism  
Jun. 21 – 58th Day of All True Things – FFWPU  
Jun. 24 - John the Baptist Day - Independent Catholic

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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, Sri Guru Granth Sahib

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Jul. 3 – Mentor & Disciple Day – SGI Buddhist
Jul. 4 – Guru Purnima – Hindu
Jul. 5 – Guru Purnima -Jain
Jul. 5 – Asalha Puja (Dharma/Law/Teaching) Day – Buddhist
Jul. 9 – 17th of Tammuz – Jewish
Jul. 10 – Martyrdom of the Báb – Baha’i
Jul. 13 – Ulambana / Obon (remembrance of deceased relatives) (date varies) – Buddhist
Jul. 20 – Day of Arafat (hajj) – Islam
Jul. 22 - Mary Magdalene Feast Day - Independent Catholic
Jul. 24 – Pioneer Day – L.D.S.
Jul. 29-30 – Tish’a B’Av (Fast Day 9th of Av) – Jewish
Jul. 31 – Eid Al Adha (Festival of Sacrifice) – Islam

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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Humanism: Act so as to elicit the best in others and thereby yourself.”~ Felix Adler

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Aug. 3 – Raksha Bandhan – Hindu  
Aug. 3 – Lord Balarama Jayanti – Hare Krishna  
Aug. 6 – Transfiguration of Jesus Christ – Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox  
Aug. 10 – Sri Ganesh Chathurthi – Hindu  
Aug. 11 – Sri Krishna Janmastami (Birth of Lord Krishna) – Hare Krishna  
Aug. 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox  
Aug. 15 – Paryushana begins 8 Holy Days – Jain  
Aug. 16 – Completion of Siri Guru Granth Sahib– Sikh  
Aug. 17 – 7th Anniversary of Founder’s Ascension to Spirit World – FFWPU  
Aug. 20 – Islamic New Year – Islam  
Aug. 21 – Sri Krishna Janmastami (Birth of Lord Krishna) – Hindu  
Aug. 22 – Samvatsari (Paryushan Parva ends) – Jain  
Aug. 23 to Sep. 1 – Das Lakshana 10 Holy Days – Jain  

Islam - “No one of you is a believer until you desire for another that which you desire for yourself.”  
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September 2020

Sep. 1 – The Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year – Greek Orthodox
Sep. 4 – 8th Anniversary of True Fathers Ascension - FFWPU
Sep. 12 – Auditor’s Day – Scientology
Sep. 10 – Unity World Day of Prayer – Unity
Sep. 14 – Elevation of Holy Cross – Greek Orthodox
Sep. 18-20 – Rosh HaShanah (New Year) – Jewish
Sep. 21 – International Day of Peace
Sep. 21 - Mabon (Autumn Equinox) - Wicca and Neo-Paganism
Sep. 27-28 – Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) – Jewish
Sep. 29 - Michaelmas—Feast of all the holy archangels - Independent Catholic

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~ Satrakritanga 1.11.33

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Oct. 2 – SGI World Peace Day – SGI Buddhist  
Oct. 2-9 – Sukkot (Feast of the Harvest) – Jewish  
Oct 4 - St. Francis of Assisi - Catholic  
Oct. 5 – Guru Ram Das Ji Birthday – Sikh  
Oct. 7 - Founding of the International Association of Scientologists  
Oct. 8-11 – Hoshana Rabbah / Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah (Celebration of Torah) – Jewish  
Oct. 17 – Navarathri begins (Nine Holy Nights) – Hindu  
Oct. 20 – Guru Gaddee of Sri Guru Granth Sahib – Sikh  
Oct. 22 – Birth of Bahá’u’lláh – Baha’i  
Oct. 25 - Vijayadashami - Dussera (Victory of Truth over untruth) – Hare Krishna, Hindu  
Oct. 29 – Birth of the Báb – Baha’i  
Oct. 29 - Guru Gaddee Day - Sikh

**Pagan** - "An' it harm none, do what you will." ~Wiccan Rede  
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### Religious Holy Days of 2020

**November 2020**

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Nov. 1 – All Saints – Christian  
Nov. 2 – All Souls – Christian  
Nov. 9 – Muhammad’s Birthday (Mawlid-al-Nabi) – Islam  
Nov. 14 – Bandi Chhor Divas – Sikh  
Nov. 14 – Deepavali / Diwali (Festival of Lights) – Jain, Hindu, Hare Krishna  
Nov. 15 – 61st True Children’s Day – FFWPU  
Nov. 15 – Govardhan-puja / New Year – Hare Krishna  
Nov. 18 – Soka Kyoiku Gakkai (predecessor of SGI) founded – SGI Buddhist  
Nov. 22 - Christ the King – Christian  
Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving – Christian Science  
Nov. 26 – Day of the Covenant – Bahá’í  
Nov. 28 – Ascension of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá – Bahá’í  
Nov. 29 – First Sunday of Advent (Advent is 4 weeks) – Christian  
Nov. 29 – Tulasi-Saligram Marriage – Hare Krishna  
Nov. 30 - Guru Nanak’s Birthday – Sikh

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 - “One who sees the nature of the Supreme Lord in all living beings and who sees all beings in the Lord, and the Lord as the Self, is on the highest level of devotion, a bhagavatottama.” ~ (Srimad Bhagavatam 11.2.45)

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Dec. 8 – Rohatsu (Bodhi Day) – Buddhist
Dec. 8 – Immaculate Conception – Roman Catholic
Dec. 10 – Human Rights Day – Humanist
Dec. 10-18 – Chanukah (Festival of Religious Freedom) – Jewish
Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe-Empress of the Americas - Independent Catholic
Dec. 22 - Yule (longest night of the year) - Wicca and Neo-Paganism
Dec. 23 – Human Light – Humanist
Dec. 25 – Advent of Srimad Bhagavad Gita – Hare Krishna
Dec. 25 – Christmas – Christian
Dec. 25 – Holy Nativity – Greek Orthodox

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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Our Vision is a world of harmony, good will and peace among persons of all faiths where the Golden Rule is a universal way of life. - Arizona Interfaith Movement and the AGREE Program.

The Golden Rule from traditions around the world

“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

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“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)

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“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.” - Satракританга 1.11.33

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“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

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

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