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- Jan. 01- – New Year Celebration – SGI Buddhist  
– Mary, Mother of God – Roman Catholic
- Jan. 03- – Fast of Tevet – Judaism
- Jan. 06- – Epiphany Day, The Baptism of Jesus Christ – Roman Catholic,  
– Eastern Orthodox
- Jan. 09- – Guru Gobind Singh Birthday Celebration – Sikh
- Jan. 14- – Makara Sankranti / Pongal – Hindu, – Hare Krishna
- Jan. 16- – Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 18-25 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Catholic, –Eastern Orthodox
- Jan. 26 – Vasant Panchami – Hindu
- Jan. 30- – Season for Non-violence begins (ends April 4) – Religious Science
- Jan. 30 – Mahayana New Year (3 Days, date varies by location) – Buddhist

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- Feb. 01 –07 – World Interfaith Harmony Week
- Feb. 02 – Candlemas (Blessing of the Candles) – Roman Catholic  
– Lord Nityananda Appearance day – Hare Krishna
- Feb. 05–06 – Tu B’Shevat – Judaism
- Feb. 06 – True Parents’ Birthday – FFWPU
- Feb. 12 – Chinese New Year – Buddhist  
– AMEC Founder Richard Allen’s Birthday – African Methodist Episcopal  
– Darwin Day – Humanist
- Feb. 13 – Foundation Day – FFWPU
- Feb. 15 – Nirvana Day (dates vary) – Buddhist
- Feb. 16 – Israa’/ Me’raj – Islam
- Feb. 19 – Maha Shivaratri – Hindu, Hare Krishna
- Feb. 21 – Shrove Tuesday – Christian
- Feb. 22 – First Sunday of Lent – 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** - “It is the duty of every living being to perform welfare activities for the benefit of others with his life, wealth, intelligence and words.” ~ Srimad Bhagavatam 10.22.3

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Mar-01	– Fast begins at Sunset (Ends on March 20, sunset)	– Bahá’i Faith
Mar-02	– Ash Wednesday (beginning of season of Lent)	– Christian
Mar-02	– Gaura-Purnima (Appearance Day)	– Hare Krishna
Mar-03	– World Day of Prayer	– Catholic
Mar-06	– Gaura Purnima - Appearance of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu	– Hare Krishna
Mar-06	– Beginning of Lent	– Eastern Orthodox
Mar-06	– Ta’anit Esther	– Judaism
Mar-06-07	– Purim (Feast of Esther)	– Judaism
Mar-07	– Holi (Festival of Color-Spring)	– Hindu, – Hare Krishna
Mar-07	– Fasting of Nisfu Sha’ban	– Islam
Mar-08	– Hola Mohalla	– Sikh
Mar-13	– Birthday of L. Ron Hubbard, Founder of Scientology	– Scientology
Mar-16	– Kosen-rufu Day	– SGI Buddhist
Mar-17	– St. Patrick’s Day	– Catholic
Mar-20-21	– Náw-Ruz (New Year) (Sunset to sunset)	– Bahá’i Faith
Mar-22	– Ugadi/Gudi Padwa - Chandramana (Lunar New Year)	– Hindu
Mar-23	– Ramadan begins (Ends April 21)	– Islam
Mar-25	– The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	– Christian
Mar-29	– Night of Salvation – (Mid-Shaban)	– Islam
Mar-30	– Magha Puja Day (Days vary)	– Buddhist
Mar-30	– Rama-navami / Lord Ramachandra	– Hindu, – Hare Krishna

**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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Apr-02	– Palm Sunday	– Christian
Apr-04	– Lord Mahavir Janma (Birth) Kalyanak	– Jain
Apr-05	– Holy Blessing of True Parents	– FFWPU
Apr-05	– Sri Hanuman Jayanthi (Birth of Lord Hanuman)	– Hindu
Apr-05- Apr-13	– Seder / Passover Week	– Judaism
Apr-1-7	– International Golden Rule Week	
Apr-06-Apr-07	– Holy Thursday / Good Friday	– Eastern Orthodox
Apr-08	– Easter Vigil	– Catholic
Apr-08	– Lazarus Saturday	– Eastern Orthodox
Apr-09	– Easter Sunday	– Christian
Apr-14	– Baisakji/Vaisakhi – (Solar New Year)	– Hindu
Apr-16	– Theravada New Year (date varies by location/custom)	– Buddhist
Apr-16	– Holy Pascha (Easter)	– Eastern Orthodox
Apr-16	– Heavenly Parents Day/True Parents Day/True Parents Holy Wedding	– FFWPU
Apr-17	– Lailat al-Qadr	– Islam
Apr-18	– Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)	– Judaism
Apr-20-May-02	– Festival of Ridván (12 Days)	– Bahá’i Faith
Apr-20-Apr-21	– First Day of Ridván (Sunset to sunset)	– Bahá’i Faith
Apr-21	– Eid-al-Fitr	– Islam
Apr-22	– Akshaya Tritiya	– Hindu
Apr-25	– Sri Hanuman Jayanthi (Birth of Lord Hanuman)	– Hindu
Apr-25	– Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day)	– Judaism
Apr-26	– Yom Ha’ Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day)	– Judaism
Apr-28-Apr-29	– Ninth Day of Ridván (Sunset to sunset)	– Bahá’i Faith
Apr-28	– Establishment of Nichiren Buddhism	– SGI Buddhist

**Pagan - "An' it harm none, do what you will." ~Wiccan Rede**

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

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

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May-01-May-02	– Twelfth Day (final) of Ridván (Sunset to sunset)	– Bahá’i Faith
May-03	– Soka Gakkai Day	– SGI Buddhist
May-04	– Narasimha Chaturdashi (Appearance Day)	– Hare Krishna
May-04	– Narasimha Jayanthi	– Hindu, – Hare Krishna
May-04	– National Day of Reason	– Humanist
May-08-May-09	– Lag B’Omer	– Judaism
May-09	– 1950 release of Dianetics ~ L. Ron Hubbard	– Scientology
May-13	– Ascension of the Lord	– Roman Catholic
May-13	– World Falun Dafa Day	– Falun Dafa
May-19	– Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day)	– Judaism
May-20	– Day of All True Things	– FFWPU
May-23-May-24	– Declaration of the Báb (Sunset to sunset)	– Bahá’i Faith
May-25-May-26	– Shavuot (Festival of Weeks)	– Judaism
May-27	– Visakha Puja (Vesak Day) (Buddha) Day	– Buddhist
May-28	– Pentecost Sunday	– Catholic, – Eastern Orthodox
May-28-May-29	– Ascension of Bahá’u’lláh (Sunset to sunset)	– Bahá’i Faith

**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 Torah*, Leviticus 19:18**

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- Jun-03 – Martyrdom of Guru Arian Devji – Sikh
- Jun-04 – Holy Trinity – Roman Catholic
- Jun-04 – Feast of Holy Trinity – Eastern Orthodox
- Jun-06 – Anniversary of the Freewinds Maiden Voyage – Scientology
- Jun-08 – Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – Roman Catholic
- Jun-10 – Holy Ascension – Eastern Orthodox
- Jun-11 – Race Unity Day – Bahá’i Faith
- Jun-19 – Jagannath Rathayatra (Chariot/Car Festival) – Hindu, –Hare Krishna
- Jun-20 – Holy Pentecost – Eastern Orthodox
- Jun-21 – World Humanist Day – Humanist
- Jun-22 – Mary Magdalene – Roman Catholic
- Jun-24 – John the Baptist day – Roman Catholic
- Jun-27 – All Saints Day – Eastern Orthodox
- Jun-27 – Yaum-al-Arafah – Islam
- Jun-28 – Eid-al-Adha – Islam
- Jun-29 – Saint Peter and Saint Paul – Roman Catholic, – Eastern Orthodox

**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**

**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-02	– Vyasa Puja	– Hindu, – Hare Krishna
Jul-03	– Mentor & Disciple Day	– SGI Buddhist
Jul-03	– Guru Purnima	– Jain
Jul-06	– Fast 17th of Tammuz (begins the “Three Weeks”	– Judaism
Jul-09-Jul-10	– Martyrdom of the Báb (Sunset to sunset)	– Bahá’i Faith
Jul-13	– Ulambana / Obon (date varies)	– Buddhist
Jul-17	– Islamic New Year Hijri	– Islam
Jul-24	– Asalha Puja (Dharma/Law/Teaching) Day	– Buddhist
Jul-24	– Pioneer Day	– L.D.S.
Jul-24	– St. Charbel Makhlouf feast day	– Roman Catholic, – Eastern Orthodox
Jul-26	– Asalha Puja (Dharma/Law/Teaching) Day	– Buddhist
Jul-26 -Jul-27	– Tisha B’Av (Fast Day 9th of Av)	– Judaism
Jul-27	– Aashurh	– Islam

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**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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- Aug-06 – Transfiguration of Jesus Christ – Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox
- Aug-14 – Anniversary of Rev. Sun Myung Moons Seong Hwa Ascension – FFWPU
- Aug-15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary– Roman Catholic – Eastern Orthodox
- Aug-15 – Dormition of Mary – Roman Catholic, – Eastern Orthodox
- Aug-30 – Lord Balarama Jayanti – Hare Krishna
- Aug-30 – Raksha Bandhan – Hindu

**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*

**Taoism -** “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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Sep-01	– The Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year – Completion of Sri Guru Granth Sahib	– Eastern Orthodox – Sikh
Sep-04	– Labor Day	
Sep-06	– Sri Krishna Janmastami (Birth of Lord Krishna)	– Hindu, – Hare Krishna
Sep-07	– Unity World Day of Prayer	– Unity
Sep-08	– Nativity of Virgin Mary	– Catholic
Sep-10	– Auditor’s Day	– Scientology
Sep-12-Sep-19	– Paryushan Maha Parva, 8 Holy Days	– Jain
Sep-14	– Elevation of Holy Cross	– Eastern Orthodox
Sep-15-Sep-17	– Rosh Hashanah	– Judaism
Sep-18	– Sri Ganesh Chaturthi	– Hindu
Sep-19	– Samvatsari/Kshamapana/Forgiveness	– Jain
Sep-19-Sep-28	– Das Lakshana Maha Parva, 10 Holy Days	– Jain
Sep-21	– International Day of Peace	
Sep-22	– Radhastami (Appearance of Radha, Eternal Consort of Krishna)	– Hare Krishna
Sep-24-Sep-25	– Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	– Judaism
Sep-27	– Mawlid-al-Nabi	– Islam
Sep-29	– St. Michael and all Archangels	– Roman Catholic
Sep-29-Oct-06	– Sukkot (Feast of the Harvest)	– Judaism

**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 Torah, Leviticus 19:18***

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- Sep-29-Oct 06 – Sukkot (Feast of the Harvest) – Judaism
- Oct-02 – SGI World Peace Day – SGI Buddhist
- Oct-04 – St. Francis of Assisi – Roman Catholic
- Oct-06-08 – Shmeini Atzerat/Simcha Torah – Judaism
- Oct-07 – Founding of the International Association of Scientologists – Scientology
- Oct-10-14 – Deepavali / Diwali (Festival of Lights) – Hindu
- Oct-11 – Guru Ram Das Ji Birthday – Sikh
- Oct-15- 23 – Navarathri begins (Nine Holy Nights) – Hindu
- Oct-15-17 –Twin Holy Days (Sunset to sunset) – Bahá’i Faith
- Oct-15-16 – Birth of the Báb (Sunset to sunset) – Bahá’i Faith
- Oct-16 - 17 – Birth of Bahá’u’lláh (Sunset to sunset) – Bahá’i Faith
- Oct-19 – Muhammad’s Birthday (Mawlid-al-Nabi) – Islam
- Oct-23 – Vijayadashami - Dussera – Hindu, – Hare Krishna
- Oct-25 – True Children’s Day – FFWPU

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- Nov-01 – All Saints Day / Dia de los Muertos – Catholic / Latin American
- Nov-02 – All Souls Day – Catholic
- Nov-12 – Diwali and Lord Mahavir Nirvan Day – Hare Krishna
- Deepavali / Diwali (Festival of Lights) – Jain, – Hindu, – Hare Krishna
- Bandi Chhor Divas – Sikh
- Nov-13 – Govardhan-puja / New Year – Hare Krishna
- Nov-16 – Lord Mahavir Nirvan (Salvation) Kalyanak – Jain
- Nov-18 – Soka Kyoiku Gakkai (predecessor of SGI) founded – SGI Buddhist
- Nov-23 – Thanksgiving – Christian Science
- Nov-25-26 – Day of the Covenant (Sunset to sunset) – Bahá’i Faith
- Nov-26 – Christ the King – Catholic
- Tulasi-Shaligram Marriage – Hare Krishna
- Nov-27 – Guru Nanak’s Birthday – Sikh
- Nov-27-28 – Ascension of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá (Sunset to sunset) – Bahá’i Faith

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

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

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

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

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- Dec-03 – First Sunday of Advent (Advent is 4 weeks) – Christian
- Dec-07-15 – Hanukkah – Judaism
- Dec-08 – Rohatsu (Bodhi Day) – Buddhist
- Immaculate Conception – Roman Catholic
- Dec-10 – International Human Rights Day – Humanist
- Dec-12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe – Roman Catholic, – Eastern Orthodox
- Dec-13 – St. Lucia’s Day – Roman Catholic, – Eastern Orthodox
- Dec-22 – Advent of Srimad Bhagavad Gita – Hare Krishna
- Dec-23 – Human Light – Humanist
- Dec-25 – Christmas/Feast of the Nativity – Christian
- Holy Nativity – Eastern Orthodox
- Dec-26 – Kwanza – Ancient traditions of Maat, – Yoruba, – Ashanti, – Dogon

**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)

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

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

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## The Golden Rule

“Blessed is he who preferreth his brother before himself.” **Bahá'í**

“Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.” **Buddhism**

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” **Christianity**

“Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you.” **Confucianism**

“You should always be benevolent and kind to others and consider others when doing anything.” **Falun Dafa**

“Live for the sake of others.” **Family Federation for World Peace & Unification**

“It is the duty of every living being to perform welfare activities for the benefit of others with his life, wealth, intelligence and words.” **Hare Krishna**

“This is the sum duty; do naught to others which would cause you pain if done to you.” **Hinduism**

“Always act so as to elicit the best in others, and thereby yourself.” **Humanism**

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

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

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” **Judaism**

“Treat others as you would like to be treated.” **Navajo Nation**

“We should conduct ourselves toward others as we would like them to act toward us.” **Secular**

“Two Rules for Happy Living: 1. Be able to experience anything. 2. Cause only those things which others are able to experience easily.” **Scientology**

“Don't create hatred with anyone as God is within everyone.” **Sikhism**

“You must see in the heart of another the temple of God.” **Sufism**

“I am good to the man who is good to me; likewise, I am also good to the bad man.” **Taoism**

“We affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.” **Unitarianism**

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