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PAGANISM





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ZOROASTRIANISM

JANUARY

Gantan-sai A three-day Shinto festival welcoming the New Year.



tenth Sikh Guru and founder of the Khalsa. **Epiphany** Celebrates the visit of the Three Wise

Birth of Guru Gobind Singh Celebrating the



Men to Jesus. Chatti Sharif Commemorates the death anniversary of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti, a revered Sufi saint.



Christmas Day (celebrated in Ethiopia) Celebrated to align with the Ethiopian calendar.

Christmas Day (Eastern Orthodox) Observed by Eastern Orthodox Christians based on the Julian calendar.



Asarah B'Tevet A fast commemorating the siege of Jerusalem by King Nebuchadnezzar.



Maghi/Lohri A Sikh festival honouring the sacrifice of 40 Sikhs for Guru Gobind Singh, celebrated with bonfires.



Mahayana Celebrates the Buddhist New Year.



Pongal AHindu harvest festival in Tamil Nadu thanking the Sun God for a bountiful harvest.



Makar Sankranti Marks the Sun's transition from Sagittarius to Capricorn, signalling the end of winter.



Birthday of Swami Vivekananda Celebrating the birth of a notable Indian spiritual leader.



Lailat al-Miraj An Islamic observance of the Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) night journey from Mecca to Jerusalem.

Chinese New Year Celebrating the Year of the Snake, an important traditional holiday

FEBRUARY



Imbolc A pagan festival honouring the goddess Brigid and the return of spring.



Saraswati Puja A celebration of the Hindu goddess of knowledge, music, and arts. Candlemas Commemorates the presentation of



into Nirvana.



Sri Satguru Ram Singh Ji's Birth Anniversary Celebrating the revered Namdhari Sikh leader.



Magha Puja A Buddhist celebration honouring Buddha's teachings. Tu B'Shevat The Jewish "New Year for Trees,"



celebrating the environment. Parinirvana Celebrating Buddha's final passing



Ayyám-i-Há: A Bahá'í celebration of hospitality and charity before fasting.



Maha Shivaratri A Hindu festival dedicated to Lord Shiva, observed with prayers and fasting.



Ramadan Start of the Islamic holy month of

MARCH



St David's Day Celebrates the patron saint of



Nineteen Day Fast A Bahá'í period of fasting for spiritual reflection. Shrove Tuesday The day before Lent, marked



by feasting on pancakes. Ash Wednesday The first day of Lent, marked



by church services. Purim A Jewish festival commemorating



deliverance as told in the Book of Esther. Birthday of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu Celebrating the Hindu saint and founder of

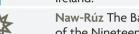
Gaudiya Vaishnavism



Holi A Hindu festival celebrating the end of



Hola Mohalla A Sikh martial arts festival showcasing community strength.

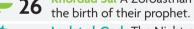


Naw-Rúz The Bahá'i New Year, marking the end of the Nineteen Day Fast.

St Patrick's Day Celebrating the patron saint of



Spring Equinox Celebrating the start of spring in pagan traditions. Khordad Sal A Zoroastrian festival celebrating



Laylat al-Qadr The Night of Power, marking the Quran's revelation.



Chaitra Navratri A Hindu festival commemorating the creation of the cosmos.



Eid al-Fitr Marks the end of Ramadan, celebrated with prayers and festive meals.

APRIL



Ram Navami Celebrating the birth of Lord



Hanamatsuri A festival celebrating the birthday of Shakyamuni.

Mahavir Jayanti Celebrating the birth of Lord



Mahavira, known for non-violence. Hanuman Jayanti Celebrating the birth of



Hanuman, the Monkey God. Passover Celebrating the Exodus of the

Israelites from Egypt.

Supper of Jesus.



Palm Sunday Marks the start of Holy Week, commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.



Vaisakhi A major Sikh festival celebrating the Maundy Thursday Commemorates the Last



Good Friday Commemorating Jesus' crucifixion.

Easter Sunday Celebrating the resurrection of



Easter Day (Orthodox Christianity) Celebrated by Eastern Orthodox Christians.

First Day of Ridván A Bahá'i festival celebrating



Bahá'u'lláh's prophethood. St George's Day Celebrating the patron Saint of



Ninth Day of Ridván Celebrating Bahá'u'lláh's family joining him during Ridván.



Akshaya Tritiya An auspicious day in the Hindu calendar for new beginnings.

MAY



Beltane A pagan celebration marking the beginning of summer.



Twelfth Day of Ridvan Marks the conclusion of the Ridván festival.

Buddha's Birthday Honouring Siddhartha



Vesak Celebrating the enlightenment of the

Gautama's birth.



of a plague among Rabbi Akiva's students. Declaration of the Báb Celebrating the Báb's

announcement in the Bahá'í faith.

Lag Ba'Omer A Jewish holiday marking the end



Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh Commemorating Bahá'u'lláh's passing. Ascension Day Marks Jesus Christ's ascension

into Heaven.

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JUNE



Shavuot (1-3) Celebrating the giving of the Torah and the first harvest.



Hajj The annual pilgrimage to Makkah, a major Islamic obligation. Yawm Arafat A day of repentance during Hajj.



Eid al-Adha Marks the sacrifice made by Prophet Abraham (PBUH).



Pentecost/Whitsun A Christian celebration of the Holy Spirit's appearance.



Commemorating the first Sikh martyr. Corpus Christi Celebrating the presence of

Martyrdom of Guru Arian Dev

Christ in the Eucharist.

sun's power.



Midsummer's Day A pagan celebration of the

World Humanist Day Promoting the values of



Al-Hijra The first day of Muharram and the Islamic New Year.

dedicated to Lord Jagannath.



Feast of Saints Peter & Paul Celebrating the martyrdom of these apostles.

Jagannath Rath Yatra A public procession

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Ashura An Islamic observance of Moses's salvation and Imam Hussein's martyrdom.



Martyrdom of the Báb A Bahá'í observance marking the Báb's execution. Guru Purnima Day Honouring spiritual teachers.



Asalha-Dharma Day Commemorating the Buddha's first sermon.



Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie I A holy day for Rastafarians.

AUGUST



Lughnasadh A pagan festival marking the harvest season.



Tisha B'Av A Jewish day of mourning for the destruction of the Temples.



Raksha Bandhan A Hindu festival celebrating sibling bonds.



Obon Festival A Japanese festival honouring ancestors.



Janmashtami Celebrating the birth of Lord



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary A Catholic feast celebrating Mary's assumption



Ganesh Chaturthi A Hindu festival commemorating Lord Ganesha's birth.



Samvatsari A Jain festival known as the "Day of Forgiveness."

SEPTEMBER



First Reading of Guru Granth Sahib Commemorates the first installation of the Sikh scripture.



Mawlid un Nabi An Islamic observance of the Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) birth.



Enkutatash The Ethiopian New Year with prayers and processions.



Mahalaya Marks the beginning of Navratri, invoking Goddess Durga.



Navratri Nine nights of devotion to Goddess Durga.



Rosh Hashanah The Jewish New Year, marking the start of repentance.



Autumn Equinox A pagan tradition celebrating day and night balance.

OCTOBER



Yom Kippur The holiest Jewish day, marked by a 25-hour fast for atonement.



Gyarvi Sharif Commemorates the death anniversary of Abdul Qadir Jilani, a revered Sufi



Sukkot Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, celebrating harvest and the wilderness journey.



Shemini Atzeret Closing festival after Sukkot, focused on prayers for rain.



Simchat Torah Marks the end and start of the Torah reading cycle.



Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Day Celebrates Guru Gobind Singh Ji passing the Guruship to the Holy Scriptures.



Diwali Hindu Festival of Lights, symbolising the triumph of light.



Lakshmi Puja Significant day of Diwali, worshiping Goddess Lakshmi.



Bandi Chhor Divas A Sikh celebration of the peaceful release of 52 kings and princes by Guru Hargobind



Birth of the Báb Celebrates the Báb's birthday, forerunner of the Bahá'í faith.

Birth of Bahá'u'lláh Honours the birth of



Bahá'u'lláh, co-founder of Bahá'í. Durga Puja-Dussehra Culmination of Navratri, celebrating Goddess Durga's victory



Samhain Pagan festival marking the end of harvest and beginning of winter.

NOVEMBER



All Saints Day Honours all saints in Christian

All Souls Day Commemorates the faithful



departed, especially loved ones. Guru Nanak Gururab Celebrates the birth of Guru Nanak, Sikhism's founder.



Inter Faith Week (11-18) Promotes understanding and cooperation among faiths.



Shichi-Go-San Shinto festival celebrating children's growth and well-being.



Solemnity of Christ the King Catholic festival recognising Jesus as sovereign. Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib



Commemorates the 9th Sikh Guru's sacrifice for religious freedom. Day of the Covenant Celebrates `Abdu'l-Bahá's



Ascension of `Abdu'l-Bahá Commemorates Abdu'l-Bahá's death.

appointment in Bahá'í faith.



Saint Andrew's Day Feast day for Scotland's patron saint.



Advent Sunday Marks the start of the Advent season, preparing for Jesus' birth.



DECEMBER



Mary's Immaculate Conception Catholic feast celebrating Mary's conception without



Human Rights Day Marks the 1948 adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by



Hanukkah An eight-day festival celebrating the rededication of Jerusalem's Second Temple and the miracle of the menorah.



Yule Pagan festival marking the winter solstice and the rebirth of the sun.



Birthday of Holy Mother Sarada Devi Commemorates the birthday of the Hindu mystic and companion of Sri Ramakrishna.



Geeta Jayanti Celebrates the birthday of the Bhagavad Gita, recording Lord Krishna's



Christmas Eve Preparation time for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.



Christmas Day Celebrates Jesus' birth with gifts, festive meals, and religious services.

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