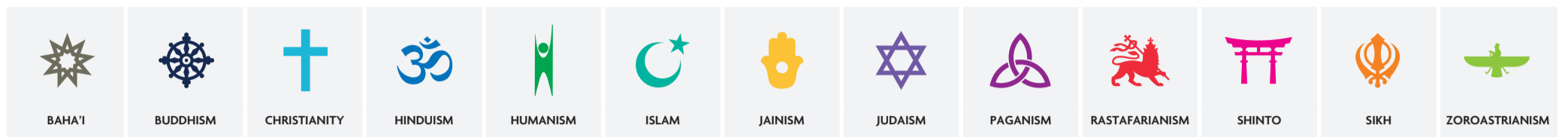


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JANUARY

-  **1 Gantan-sai** A three-day Shinto festival welcoming the New Year.
-  **5 Birth of Guru Gobind Singh** Celebrating the tenth Sikh Guru and founder of the Khalsa.
-  **Epiphany** Celebrates the visit of the Three Wise Men to Jesus.
-  **6 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.
-  **7 Christmas Day (Eastern Orthodox)** Observed by Eastern Orthodox Christians based on the Julian calendar.
-  **10 Asarah B'Tevet** A fast commemorating the siege of Jerusalem by King Nebuchadnezzar.
-  **13 Maghi/Lohri** A Sikh festival honouring the sacrifice of 40 Sikhs for Guru Gobind Singh, celebrated with bonfires.
-  **Mahayana** Celebrates the Buddhist New Year.
-  **14 Pongal** A Hindu harvest festival in Tamil Nadu thanking the Sun God for a bountiful harvest.
-  **15 Makar Sankranti** Marks the Sun's transition from Sagittarius to Capricorn, signalling the end of winter.
-  **20 Birthday of Swami Vivekananda** Celebrating the birth of a notable Indian spiritual leader.
-  **27 Lailat al-Miraj** An Islamic observance of the Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) night journey from Mecca to Jerusalem.
- 29 Chinese New Year** Celebrating the Year of the Snake, an important traditional holiday

FEBRUARY

-  **1 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.
-  **2 Candlemas** Commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple and Mary's purification.
-  **3 Setsubun** A Japanese ritual driving away evil spirits.
-  **Sri Satguru Ram Singh Ji's Birth Anniversary** Celebrating the revered Namdhari Sikh leader.
-  **12 Magha Puja** A Buddhist celebration honouring Buddha's teachings.
-  **13 Tu B'Shevat** The Jewish "New Year for Trees," celebrating the environment.
-  **15 Parinirvana** Celebrating Buddha's final passing into Nirvana.
-  **25 Ayyám-i-Há:** A Bahá'í celebration of hospitality and charity before fasting.
-  **26 Maha Shivaratri** A Hindu festival dedicated to Lord Shiva, observed with prayers and fasting.
-  **28 Ramadan** Start of the Islamic holy month of fasting.

MARCH

-  **1 St David's Day** Celebrates the patron saint of Wales
-  **1 Nineteen Day Fast** A Bahá'í period of fasting for spiritual reflection.
-  **4 Shrove Tuesday** The day before Lent, marked by feasting on pancakes.
-  **5 Ash Wednesday** The first day of Lent, marked by church services.
-  **Purim** A Jewish festival commemorating deliverance as told in the Book of Esther.
-  **13 Birthday of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu** Celebrating the Hindu saint and founder of Gaudiya Vaishnavism
-  **Holi** A Hindu festival celebrating the end of winter.
-  **14 Hola Mohalla** A Sikh martial arts festival showcasing community strength.
-  **17 St Patrick's Day** Celebrating the patron saint of Ireland.
-  **Naw-Rúz** The Bahá'í New Year, marking the end of the Nineteen Day Fast.
-  **20 Spring Equinox** Celebrating the start of spring in pagan traditions.
-  **26 Khordad Sal** A Zoroastrian festival celebrating the birth of their prophet.
-  **27 Laylat al-Qadr** The Night of Power, marking the Quran's revelation.
-  **29 Chaitra Navratri** A Hindu festival commemorating the creation of the cosmos.
-  **30 Eid al-Fitr** Marks the end of Ramadan, celebrated with prayers and festive meals.

APRIL

-  **6 Ram Navami** Celebrating the birth of Lord Rama.
-  **8 Hanamatsuri** A festival celebrating the birthday of Shakyamuni.
-  **10 Mahavir Jayanti** Celebrating the birth of Lord Mahavira, known for non-violence.
-  **11 Hanuman Jayanti** Celebrating the birth of Hanuman, the Monkey God.
-  **12 Passover** Celebrating the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt.
-  **13 Palm Sunday** Marks the start of Holy Week, commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.
-  **14 Vaisakhi** A major Sikh festival celebrating the Khalsa's formation.
-  **17 Maundy Thursday** Commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus.
-  **18 Good Friday** Commemorating Jesus' crucifixion.
-  **20 Easter Sunday** Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.
-  **20 Easter Day (Orthodox Christianity)** Celebrated by Eastern Orthodox Christians.
-  **21 First Day of Ridván** A Bahá'í festival celebrating Bahá'u'lláh's prophethood.
-  **23 St George's Day** Celebrating the patron Saint of England.
-  **29 Ninth Day of Ridván** Celebrating Bahá'u'lláh's family joining him during Ridván.
-  **30 Akshaya Tritiya** An auspicious day in the Hindu calendar for new beginnings.

MAY

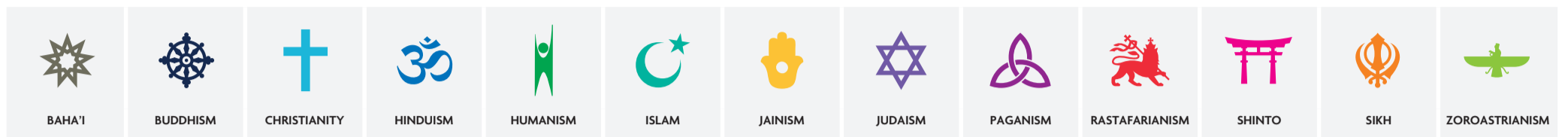
-  **1 Beltane** A pagan celebration marking the beginning of summer.
-  **2 Twelfth Day of Ridván** Marks the conclusion of the Ridván festival.
-  **5 Buddha's Birthday** Honouring Siddhartha Gautama's birth.
-  **12 Vesak** Celebrating the enlightenment of the Buddha.
-  **16 Lag Ba'Omer** A Jewish holiday marking the end of a plague among Rabbi Akiva's students.
-  **23 Declaration of the Báb** Celebrating the Báb's announcement in the Bahá'í faith.
-  **28 Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh** Commemorating Bahá'u'lláh's passing.
-  **29 Ascension Day** Marks Jesus Christ's ascension into Heaven.

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JUNE

-  **1 Shavuot (1-3)** Celebrating the giving of the Torah and the first harvest.
-  **4 Hajj** The annual pilgrimage to Makkah, a major Islamic obligation.
-  **5 Yawm Arafat** A day of repentance during Hajj.
-  **6 Eid al-Adha** Marks the sacrifice made by Prophet Abraham (PBUH).
-  **8 Pentecost/Whitsun** A Christian celebration of the Holy Spirit's appearance.
-  **16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev** Commemorating the first Sikh martyr.
-  **19 Corpus Christi** Celebrating the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.
-  **21 World Humanist Day** Promoting the values of humanism.
-  **24 Midsummer's Day** A pagan celebration of the sun's power.
-  **25 Al-Hijra** The first day of Muharram and the Islamic New Year.
-  **23 Jagannath Rath Yatra** A public procession dedicated to Lord Jagannath.
-  **29 Feast of Saints Peter & Paul** Celebrating the martyrdom of these apostles.







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JULY

-  **5 Ashura** An Islamic observance of Moses's salvation and Imam Hussein's martyrdom.
-  **8 Martyrdom of the Báb** A Bahá'í observance marking the Báb's execution.
-  **Guru Purnima Day** Honouring spiritual teachers.
-  **10 Asalha-Dharma Day** Commemorating the Buddha's first sermon.
-  **23 Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie I** A holy day for Rastafarians.

AUGUST

-  **1 Lughnasadh** A pagan festival marking the harvest season.
-  **2 Tisha B'Av** A Jewish day of mourning for the destruction of the Temples.
-  **9 Raksha Bandhan** A Hindu festival celebrating sibling bonds.
-  **13 Obon Festival** A Japanese festival honouring ancestors.
-  **Janmashtami** Celebrating the birth of Lord Krishna.
-  **15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** A Catholic feast celebrating Mary's assumption into heaven.
-  **26 Ganesh Chaturthi** A Hindu festival commemorating Lord Ganesha's birth.
-  **28 Samvatsari** A Jain festival known as the "Day of Forgiveness."

SEPTEMBER

-  **1 First Reading of Guru Granth Sahib** Commemorates the first installation of the Sikh scripture.
-  **4 Mawlid un Nabi** An Islamic observance of the Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) birth.
-  **11 Enkutatash** The Ethiopian New Year with prayers and processions.
-  **21 Mahalaya** Marks the beginning of Navratri, invoking Goddess Durga.
-  **6 Rosh Hashanah** The Jewish New Year, marking the start of repentance.
-  **22 Autumn Equinox** A pagan tradition celebrating day and night balance.
-  **21 Navratri** Nine nights of devotion to Goddess Durga.

OCTOBER

-  **1 Yom Kippur** The holiest Jewish day, marked by a 25-hour fast for atonement.
-  **3 Gyarvi Sharif** Commemorates the death anniversary of Abdul Qadir Jilani, a revered Sufi saint.
-  **6 Sukkot** Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, celebrating harvest and the wilderness journey.
-  **13 Shemini Atzeret** Closing festival after Sukkot, focused on prayers for rain.
-  **15 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.
-  **20 Diwali** Hindu Festival of Lights, symbolising the triumph of light.
-  **Lakshmi Puja** Significant day of Diwali, worshipping Goddess Lakshmi.
-  **21 Bandi Chhor Divas** A Sikh celebration of the peaceful release of 52 kings and princes by Guru Hargobind
-  **22 Birth of the Báb** Celebrates the Báb's birthday, forerunner of the Bahá'í faith.
-  **23 Birth of Bahá'u'lláh** Honours the birth of Bahá'u'lláh, co-founder of Bahá'í.
-  **28 Durga Puja-Dussehra** Culmination of Navratri, celebrating Goddess Durga's victory
-  **31 Samhain** Pagan festival marking the end of harvest and beginning of winter.

NOVEMBER

-  **1 All Saints Day** Honours all saints in Christian history.
-  **2 All Souls Day** Commemorates the faithful departed, especially loved ones.
-  **5 Guru Nanak Gururab** Celebrates the birth of Guru Nanak, Sikhism's founder.
- 11 Inter Faith Week (11-18)** Promotes understanding and cooperation among faiths.
-  **15 Shichi-Go-San** Shinto festival celebrating children's growth and well-being.
-  **23 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.
-  **25 Day of the Covenant** Celebrates `Abdu'l-Bahá's appointment in Bahá'í faith.
-  **27 Ascension of `Abdu'l-Bahá** Commemorates Abdu'l-Bahá's death.
-  **30 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

-  **Bodhi Day** Commemorates Siddhartha Gautama's enlightenment under the Bodhi tree.
-  **8 Mary's Immaculate Conception** Catholic feast celebrating Mary's conception without original sin.
-  **10 Human Rights Day** Marks the 1948 adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the UN.
-  **15 Hanukkah** An eight-day festival celebrating the rededication of Jerusalem's Second Temple and the miracle of the menorah.
-  **21 Yule** Pagan festival marking the winter solstice and the rebirth of the sun.
-  **21 Birthday of Holy Mother Sarada Devi** Commemorates the birthday of the Hindu mystic and companion of Sri Ramakrishna.
-  **22 Geeta Jayanti** Celebrates the birthday of the Bhagavad Gita, recording Lord Krishna's teachings.
-  **24 Christmas Eve** Preparation time for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.
-  **25 Christmas Day** Celebrates Jesus' birth with gifts, festive meals, and religious services.

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