SIGNIFICANT RELIGIOUS COMMEMORATIONS SEPTEMBER 2004 - JUNE 2005
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SEPTEMBER

1st: 400th Anniversary of compilation on Holy Scriptures by 5th Guru (Sikhism)

6th Sri Krishna Jayanti (Hindu) Birth of Krishna

11th: Mi’rajal-nabi (Islam) Assention of Prophet into heaven (Begins sunset 10th)
      Paryushana-parva (Jainism) Holiest time of year for ascetic shvetambara

16-17: Rosh Hashanah (Judaism) New Year 5765 (begins sundown 15th)

18th: Dashalakshani-parva (Jainism) 10 days of fasting and worship.

25th: Yom Kippur (Judaism) Day of Atonement-holiest day of year (begins sunset 24th)

27th: Ananta-chatundasi (Jainism) Festival of Ten Virtues

28th: Dsamavani (Jainism) Jains ask forgiveness for wrongs committed

30th: Nisf-Sha’ban (Islam) Night of remembrance (Begins sunset 29th)

30th: Sukkot (Judaism) Feast of Tabernacles

OCTOBER:

1-7th: Sukkot (Judaism) Feast of Tabernacles

3rd: World Communion Sunday (Christian)

7th: Shemini Atzeret (Judaism) 8th Day of Sukkot

8th: Simhat Torah (Judaism) Rejoicing in the law (Begins sundown 7th)

16th: First day, Holy Month of Ramadan (Islam) A month of fasting (Begins sunset 15th)

20th: Birth of the Bab (Baha’i)
      Passing on of Guruship to Holy Scriptures by Guru Gobind Singh ji, 10th Guru (Silhism)
22nd: Dassehra (Hindu) Celebrates victory of good over evil.

**NOVEMBER:**
1st: All Saints Day (Christian)

2nd: All Souls Day (Christian)

10th: Laylat al-Qudr (Islam) Night of Power-first revelation of Quran (Begins sunset 9th)

12th: Diwali (Hindu) Festival of Lights
      Farewell Friday (Islam) Last Friday of Month of Ramadan
      Birth of Baha’u’llah (Baha’i)

14th: Eid-ut-Fitr (Islam) Breaking of the Fast, the end of Ramadan (Begins sunset 13th)

15th: Beginning of Advent (Eastern Christian)

21st: Solemnity of Christ the King (Christian, Roman Catholic)

25th: Thanksgiving (US Holiday)

26th: Birth of Guru Nanak, 1st Guru and founder of Sikhism. (Sikh)
      Day of Covenant (Baha’i)

28th: Beginning of Advent (Western Christian)

**DECEMBER**

8th: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Christian, Roman Catholic)

12th: Maunajiyaras (Jainism) Day of Fasting

14th: Pongal (Hindu) Thanksgiving Day

8-15: Hanukkah (Judaism) Festival of Lights (Begins sunset 7th)

25th: Christmas (Western Christians) Birth of Jesus.

**JANUARY:**

1st: New Year’s Day (US)
      Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. (Christian, Roman Catholic)
6th: Epiphany (Western Christian)  Magi visit Jesus

Birth of Guru Gobind Singh ji, 10th Guru (Sikhism)

7th: Orthodox Nativity (Eastern Christian)

17th: Birth of Martin Luther King Jr.

19th: Theophany (Eastern Christian)  Epiphany of Jesus

21st: Eid-al Adha (Islam)  Festival of Sacrifice (Begins sunset 20th)

25th: Tu B’Shevat (Judaism)  Arbor Day

FEBRUARY:

8th: Shrove Tuesday (Christian) Day of Confession prior to Lent

9th: Ash Wednesday (Western Christian) The beginning of Lent

10th: First of Muharram (Islam) Celebrates Hijra of Muhammad. (Begins sunset 9th)

19th: Aashura (Islam) Commemorates martyrdom of Husain) (Begins sunset 18th)

MARCH:

4th: World Day of Prayer (Christian)

8th: Maha Shivaratri (Hindu) Day of fasting in honor of Lord Shiva

14th Lent begins (Eastern Christian)

20th Palm Sunday (Christian)

24th Maundy or Holy Thursday (Western Christian)

25th Good Friday (Western Christian) Crucifixion of Jesus

Purim (Judaism) Celebrates the story of Book of Esther (Begins sunset 24th)

Holi (Hindu) Festival of Colors-destruction of evil

27th Easter (Western Christian) Resurrection of Jesus
APRIL

9th: Hindu New Year (Lunar based) April 13th (Solar based)

13th New Year and Khalsa Brotherhood Day (Sikhism)

18th: Birth of Rama (Hindu)

20th Beginning of Ridvan (Baha'i) 12 day commemoration (1st, 9th & 12th major)

21st: Mawlid an Nabi (Islam) Birth of Prophet Muhammad (Begins sunset 20th)

22nd: Earth Day (Universal)

24th: Passover (Judaism) Celebrates Israelite Exodus from Egypt (Begins sunset 23rd)

MAY

1st: Last day of Passover (Judaism)

Pascha (Eastern Christian) Resurrection of Jesus

2nd: End of Ridvan (Baha’i)

5th: Ascension Day (Western Christian) Ascension of Jesus

5th: Yom Hashoah (Judaism) Holocaust Remembrance Day

9th Ascension (Eastern Christian) Ascension of Jesus

15th: Pentecost (Western Christian) Holy Spirit descends on apostles

22nd: Wesak (Buddhism) Celebrates birth, enlightenment and demise of Buddha.

26th: Corpus Christi (Western Catholic Christian)

JUNE

13-14 Shavuot (Judaism) Celebrates giving of the Torah (Begins sunset 12th)

16th: Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev ji, 5th Guru (Sikhism)

19th Pentecost (Eastern Christian) Holy Spirit descends on apostles