

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
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CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

MEMO TO: All Chaplains

FROM: Alex Taylor

DATE: December 29, 2000

SUBJECT: Year 2001 Religious Calendar

Asatru/Odinist

Holy Day	Date	Work Proscription¹
Charming of the Plow	January 3	No
Spring Eventide/Equinox	March 20	No
May Day	May 1	No
Summer Sunstead/Solstice	June 21	No
Freyfaxi	August 28	No
Winter Finding/Autumn Equinox	September 23	No
Winter Nights	October 15	No
Yule/Mother Night/Winter Solstice	December 22	No
Yule Twelfth Night	December 31	No

Assemblies of Yahweh

Holy Day	Date	Work Proscription²
Purim	March 10, 24 hours beginning sundown 3/9	No
Shumhan Purim	March 11, 24 hours beginning sundown 3/10	No
New Year s Day	March 26, 24 hours beginning sundown 3/25	No
Passover	April 8, 24 hours beginning sundown 4/7	Yes
First day/Feast of Unleavened Bread	April 9, beginning sundown 4/8	Yes
Last day/Feast of Unleavened Bread	April 15, ending at sundown	Yes
Second Passover	May 8, 24 hours beginning sundown 5/7	Yes
Feast of Weeks	June 3, 24 hours beginning sundown 6/2	Yes
Feast of Trumpets	September 19, 24 hours beginning sundown 9/18	Yes
Day of Atonement	September 28, 24 hours beginning sundown 9/27	Yes
First day/Feast of Tabernacles	October 3, 24 hours beginning sundown 10/2	Yes
Last Great Day	October 10, 24 hours beginning sundown 10/9	Yes
Hannukah	December 11-18, beginning sundown 12/10	No

Buddhism

Holy Day	Date	Work Proscription³
New Year's Midnight Practice	January 1 (Midnight till 2:00am)	Yes
Buddha's Birthday	April 15	Yes
Honoring the Dead/Memorial Day	July 15	Yes
Buddha's Enlightenment Day	December 8	Yes

¹ These observances may be held on the nearest weekend or a suitable time after the conclusion of the work day. *The World Tree*, by Edred Wodanson published by Wodans's Kindred; pp. 42-43.

² Authority for Holy Days provided by Assemblies of Yahweh headquarters.

³ Authority for Holy Days provided by Gateless Gate Zen Center, Alachua, Florida. K.C. Walpole Dharma Teacher and Director.

Hare Krisna

Holy Day	Date	Work Proscription ⁴
Appearance of Nityanansa	February 17, fast till noon	No
Appearance of Bhaktisiddhanta	February 23, fast till noon	No
Gaura-purnima	March 19, fast till sunset	No
Appearance of Lord Ramacandra	April 12, fast till sunset	No
Appearance of Lord Nrsimhadeva	May 16, fast till sunset	No
Disappearance of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura	July 1, fast till noon	No
Appearance of Lord Balarama	August 14, fast till noon	No
Krishna Janmastami	August 22, fast till midnight	Yes
Appearance of Srila Prabhupada	August 23, fast till noon	Yes
Radhastami	September 5, fast till noon	No
Appearance of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura	September 11, fast till noon	No
Disappearance of Srila Prabhupada	October 30, fast till noon	No
Dissappearance of Bhaktisiddhanta	December 14, fast till noon	No

Christian (Protestant)

Holy Day	Date	Work Proscription
Easter	April 15	No
Christmas	December 25	No

Christian (Roman Catholic)

Holy Day	Date	Work Proscription
New Year's Day (Mary, Mother of God)	January 1	No
Ash Wednesday	February 28	No
Easter	April 15	No
Ascension Thursday	May 24	No
Feast of the Assumption	August 15	No
Immaculate Conception	December 8	No
Christmas	December 25	No

Hebrew Israelite

Holy Day	Date	Work Proscription ⁵
Passover	April 1, 24 hours beginning sundown 3/31	Yes
Feast of Unleavened Bread	April 2-8	No
Feast of Weeks	May 28-June 3	No
Memorial Blowing of Trumpets	September 15, 24 hours beginning sundown 9/14	Yes
Day of Atonement	September 24, 24 hours beginning sundown 9/23	Yes
Feast of Tabernacles	September 29-October 6	Yes (first & last day)

House of Yahweh

Holy Day	Date	Work Proscription ⁶
Yahshua's Memorial	April 7, sundown till midnight	Yes
Feast of Unleavened Bread	April 9-15, beginning sundown 4/8	Yes (4/9 & 4/15)
Feast of Pentecost	May 28, 24 hours beginning sundown 5/27	Yes
Feast of Trumpets	September 19, 24 hours beginning sundown 9/18	Yes
Day of Atonement	September 28, 24 hours beginning sundown 9/27	Yes
Feast of Tabernacles	October 3-10, beginning sundown 10/2	Yes (10/3 & 10/10)

Islam

Holy Day	Date	Work Proscription ⁷
Eid al-Adha	March 5	Yes
Ramadan	November 16-December 16	No
Eid al-Fitr	December 16	Yes

⁴ Authority for Holy Days provided by Back to the Godhead. Each of these days should be celebrated with personal study and contemplation.

⁵ Authority for Holy Days provided by PEES Foundation

⁶ Authority for Holy Days provided by Anayah Hawkins, House of Yahweh Headquarters.

⁷ Authority for Holy Days provided by the American Muslim Council. The beginning of Ramadan is based on the sighting of the moon, thus, these dates are tentative and subject to revision.

Judaism

Holy Day	Date	Work Proscription ⁸
Fast of 10 th of Tevet	January 5, 25 hours beginning sundown 1/4	No
Fast of Esther	March 8, begins 1 hour before sunrise, ends 45 minutes after sunset	No
Purim	March 9, 25 hours beginning sundown 3/8	No
Passover (first two days)	April 8-9, 49 hours beginning sundown 4/7	Yes
Passover (last two days)	April 14-15, 49 hours beginning sundown 4/13	Yes
Shavuot	May 28-29, 49 hours beginning sundown 5/27	Yes
Fast of Tammuz	July 8, begins 1 hour before sunrise, ends 45 minutes after sunset	No
Fast of Av	July 29, 25 hours beginning sundown 7/28	Yes
Rosh Hashanah	September 18-19, 49 hours beginning sundown 9/17	Yes
Fast of Gedaliah	September 20, begins 1 hour before sunrise, ends 45 minutes after sunset	No
Yom Kippur	September 27, 26 hours beginning sundown 9/26	Yes
Sukkot	October 2-3, 49 hours beginning sundown 10/1	Yes
Shemini Atzeret	October 9, 24 hours beginning sundown 10/8	Yes
Simchat Torah	October 10, 24 hours beginning sundown 10/9	Yes
Chanukah	December 10-17, begins sundown 12/9	No

Rastafarian

Holy Day	Date	Work Proscription
Haile Selassie's Birthday	July 23	Yes
Jamaican Independence Day	August 7	Yes
Marcus Harvey's Birthday	August 17	No

Wicca

Holy Day	Date	Work Proscription ⁹
Imbolc	February 8	No
Ostara/Spring Equinox	March 20	No
Beltane	May 7	No
Litha/Summer Solstice	June 21	No
Lugnasad	August 4	No
Mabon/Autumn Equinox	September 22	No
Samhain/Lunar New Year	November 1	No
Yule/ Solar New Year	December 21	No

Thank you for your cooperation.

Chaplaincy Services Administrator

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⁸ Authority for Holy Days provided by Aleph Institute Calendar.

⁹ Authority for Holy Days provided by Jo Frost of the School and Church of Wicca. Rituals observing calendar Holy Days may be reserved to after or before work when the sky is dark.