

NEW YEAR'S EVE 2014

NEW YEAR'S DAY FOR US - JANUARY, 1, 2015

JEWISH PEOPLE - ROSH HASHANA IN THE FALL

**RABBIS BLOWING OF THE RAMS HORN AT THE WAILING WALL
(SEPT. 13-15, 2015)**

**IN THE FALL - SAID TO COINCIDE WITH THE CREATION OF ADAM
AND EVE**

CHINESE NEW YEAR IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY - FEBRUARY 19-20, 2015

**YEAR OF THE SHEEP - EACH YEAR CORRESPONDS TO A ZODIAC
ANIMAL - WHICH IS BASED ON AN ASTROLOGY**

**ORIGINALLY, A SIGNAL FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE PLANTING
SEASON**

MUSLIM NEW YEAR IN THE FALL OF 2014 - OCTOBER 15

2015 - OCTOBER 25

THEIR YEAR IS 11-12 DAYS SHORTER THAN OURS

BASED ON LUNAR CALENDAR - FIRST SIGHTING OF NEW MOON

JANUARY 1 CHOSEN BY ROMANS AS THE START OF THE NEW YEAR BY

EARLY ROMANS IN 153 BC

(PRIOR TO THAT IT WAS IN THE SPRING - WHICH IS LOGICAL)

**IN 153 BC THE ROMAN SENATE CHOSE JANUARY 1 AS THE BEGINNING OF
THE NEW YEAR BECAUSE THAT WAS THE DAY THE ROMAN CONSULS
TOOK OFFICE - MAYBE TO GET THEIR SALARIES PAID AND NOT WAIT
ROMANS, IT IS SAID, CELEBRATED WITH "BOISTEROUS JOY,**

SUPERSTITIOUS PRACTICES AND GROSS ORGIES...

***SO EARLY CHRISTIANS MADE JAN. 1 A DAY OF PENANCE AS A REACTION
TO PAGAN PRACTICES.....***

***EVENTUALLY, CHRISTIANS DEDICATED IT TO MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
MANY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DIDN'T OFFICALLY MAKE JANUARY 1 THE
START OF THE NEW YEAR UNTIL 16, 17TH, 18TH CENTURIES....***

***NOW, PRACTICALLY ALL THE BIG CITIES OF THE WORLD CELEBRATE
NEW YEAR ON JANUARY 1 - EVEN IF NOT THEIR OWN NEW YEAR, E.G.***

CHINA

***ROMAN GOD - JANUS - GOD OF BEGINNINGS AND TRANSITIONS
(DOORS, GATES, PASSAGES AND ENDINGS)***

TWO FACES - LOOK BACKWARD AND LOOK FORWARD

CELTIC SPIRITUALITY - "THIN PLACES" AND "THIN TIMES"

PLACES OF TRANSITIONS AND TIMES OF TRANSITIONS

***E.G.FOORS, GATES, BRIDGES, TUNNELS AND PREGNANCIES, BIRTH
AND DEATH***

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TEMPORAL REALITY AND THE

TRANSCENDENT WORLD IS "THIN", PERMEABLE

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - BEGINNING OF CHURCH YEAR

FOR CHURCH JAN 1 PRESENT SEVERAL THEMES....

1. MARY MOTHER OF GOD

2. OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS - WE EVEN CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE

CHRISTMAS UNTIL FEAST OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD - JAN. 11, 2015

3. WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE - E.G. HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**4. ALSO CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS - TRADITIONALLY 8TH DAY AFTER
BIRTH - CIRCUMCISED AND NAMED**

NOT ONLY HOW YOU BEGIN BUT HOW YOU END..

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LIKE GOD JANUS WHO LOOKS BACKWARD AND FORWARD**

LIKE MARY - REFLECT AND PONDER IN OUR HEARTS

HOW WE ARE ENDING THIS YEAR...

GRATEFUL, E.G. LETTER FROM DAVE PAUL

**STATEMENT RECENTLY - THIS COMMUNITY HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF
SUPPORT FOR ME FOR YEARS, HAS BEEN MY FAMILY...**

QAC SPIRIT FOR JANUARY - SOCIAL JUSTICE

THANKFUL FOR THE THANKSGIVING MEAL (LISA'S WORK)

THANKFUL FOR KEN, FOR DEACON GREG

THANKFUL FOR THE LITURGY & MUSIC - THE CHOIR

THANKFUL FOR REL. ED. - MAGGIE

**THANKFUL FOR MINISTRY OF CONSOLING WHICH HAS STEPPED UP
LET US PRAY WITH MARY TO BE ABLE TO WE LOOK FORWARD AS SHE DID
WITH A HEART FULL OF FAITH (TRUST) AND HOPE AND LOVE TO THE
GIFT OF A NEW YEAR TO GROW TOGETHER AND IN OUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH HER SON - AND TO ALL THE SURPRISES THAT RELATIONSHIP IS
SURE TO BRING INTO OUR LIVES.....**