

Tess Heffernan - When Holidays Occur

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Subject: When Holidays Occur

There has been a lot of talk about when holidays occur and I have heard from several that Ramadan is in December this year.

Although most realize Ramadan follows a lunar calendar, just as the Jewish Calendar follows a lunar "based" calendar that has a leap month for correction, it is difficult to know when the holidays occur unless you are truly part of each religion's celebration.

For example: The Islamic Religion is not confined to only Ramadan occurring during the "Winter" months.

- 2006 Sept. 23-Oct 22
- 2007 Sept. 13-Oct. 12
- 2008 Sept. 1-Sept. 30
- 2009 August 21- Sept 19
- 2010 Aug 11-Sept. 19
- 2011 Aug. 1- Aug 30
- 2012 July 20-Aug. 18
- 2013 July 9-Aug. 7

It moves backwards and because there are no leap years, it moves backwards on the Gregorian calendar between 10 and 13 days. It will be quite a long time before it will fall in December.

The closest winter Holiday in the Muslim Faith to our time frame is *Eid al-Adha* starts Sunset Wed. Dec. 19th. (70 days after Ramadan). It "celebrates" Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Ishmael to Allah.

I feel we need to be aware of the fact that there should be input from the different faith groups in town before we formulate an "all inclusive" policy. Should I bring this up, or would you like to address this?

Have a good weekend...

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