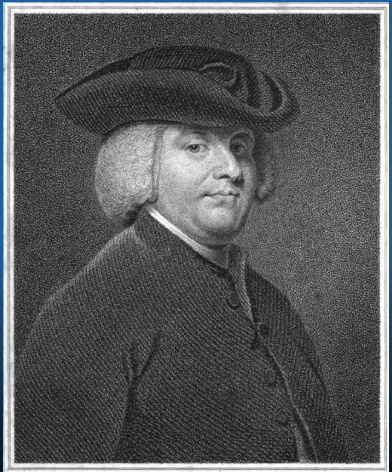


Church Grace



The True Meaning of Christmas

“There is a principle which is a bar
against all information, which is proof
against all arguments and which
cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting
ignorance — that principle is
contempt prior to investigation”
William Paley



He that answereth a
matter before he heareth
it, it is folly and shame
unto him.



Proverbs 18:13

And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they **should not do like them.**



II Kings 17:15

When the Lord thy God shall cut
off the nations from before thee,
whither thou goest to possess
them, and thou succeedest them,
and dwellest in their land;



Deuteronomy 12:29-32

30 Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, **How did these nations serve their gods?** even so will I do likewise.



Deuteronomy 12:29-32

31 Thou shalt not do so **unto the Lord thy God**: for every abomination to the Lord, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

Deuteronomy 12:29-32



32 What thing soever I
command you, observe to do
it: thou shalt not add thereto,
nor diminish from it.



Deuteronomy 12:29-32



DECEMBER

25

MAPPY

1) Shepherds feeding their flocks at night



2) Caesar required all to travel



3) Armies took the winter off

II Samuel 11



4) Pray that your flight be not in the winter





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Constantine the Great



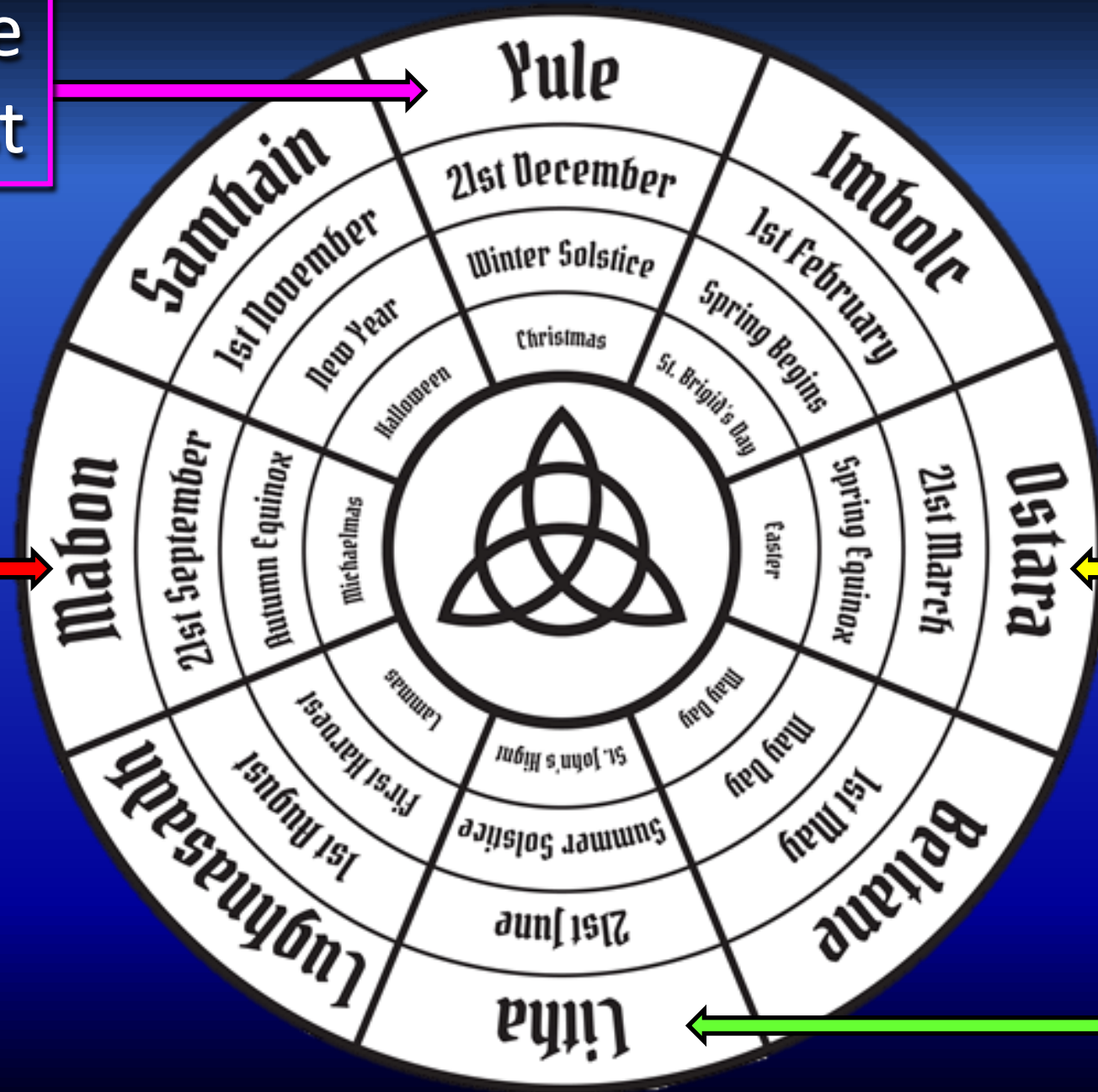


Theodosius the Great (379-392)
made Christianity mandatory

Pagans did not convert to
Christianity, they just
joined the Church.

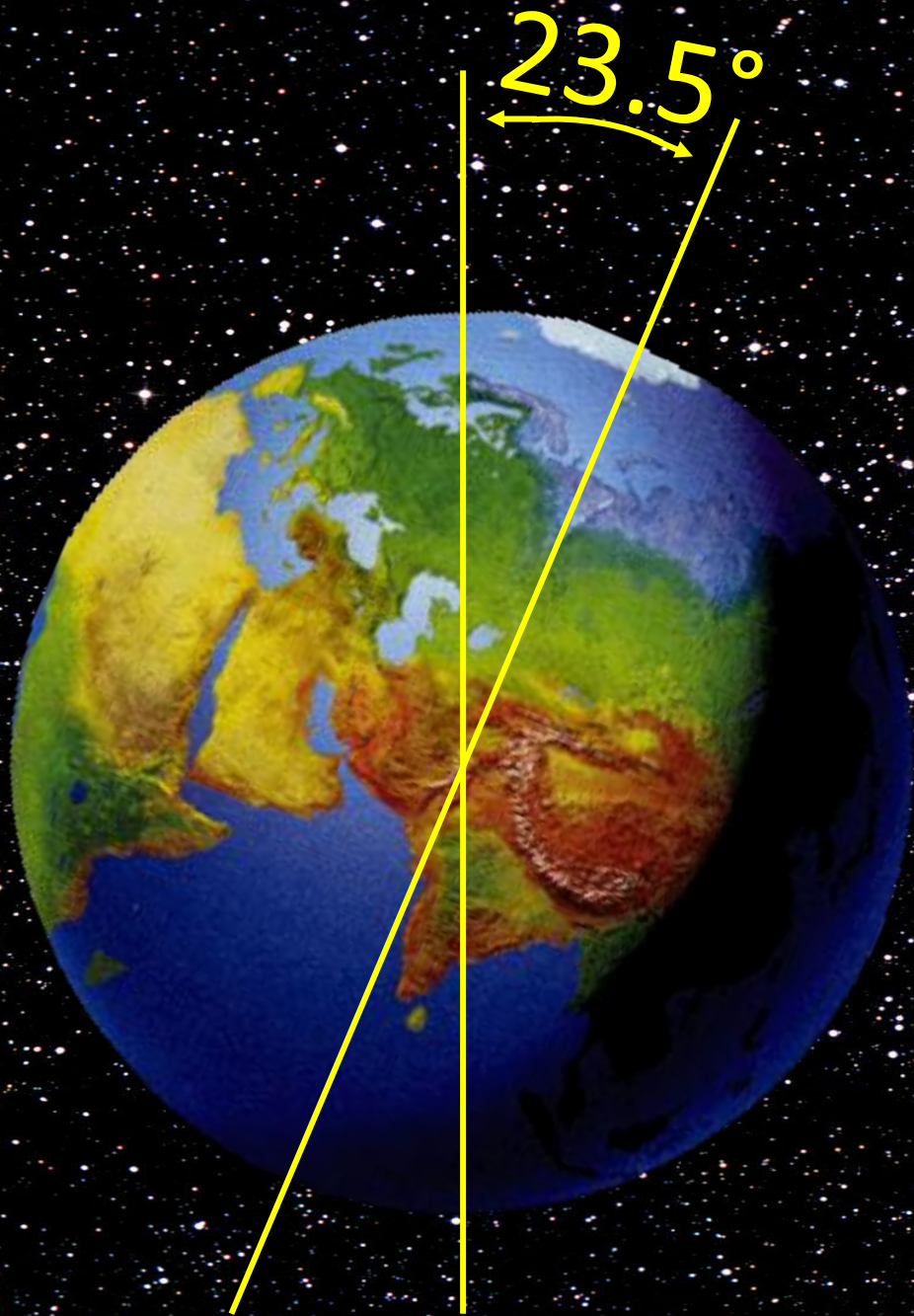
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December 21st

Fall Equinox
September
22nd



Spring
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March 20th

Summer
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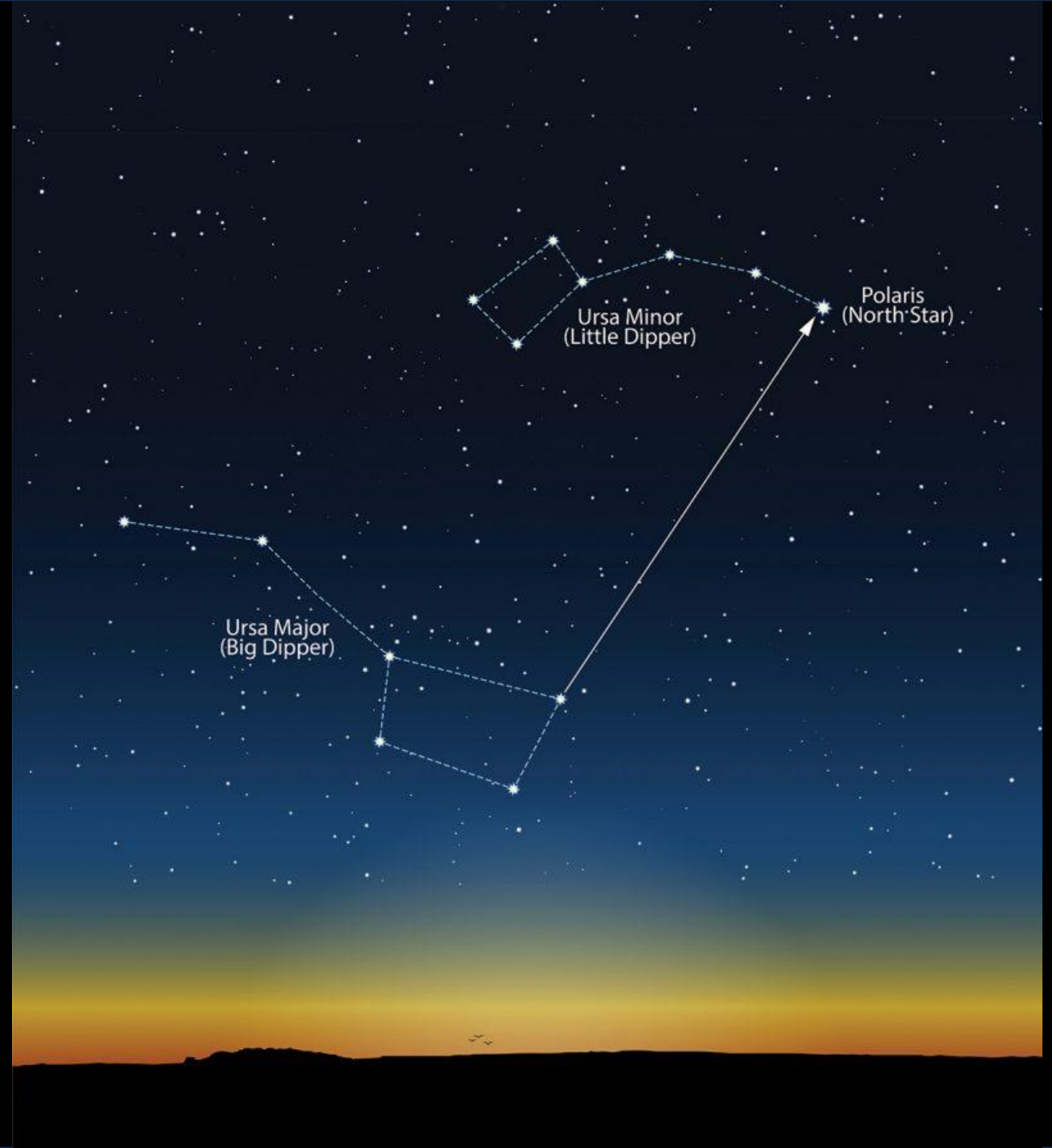
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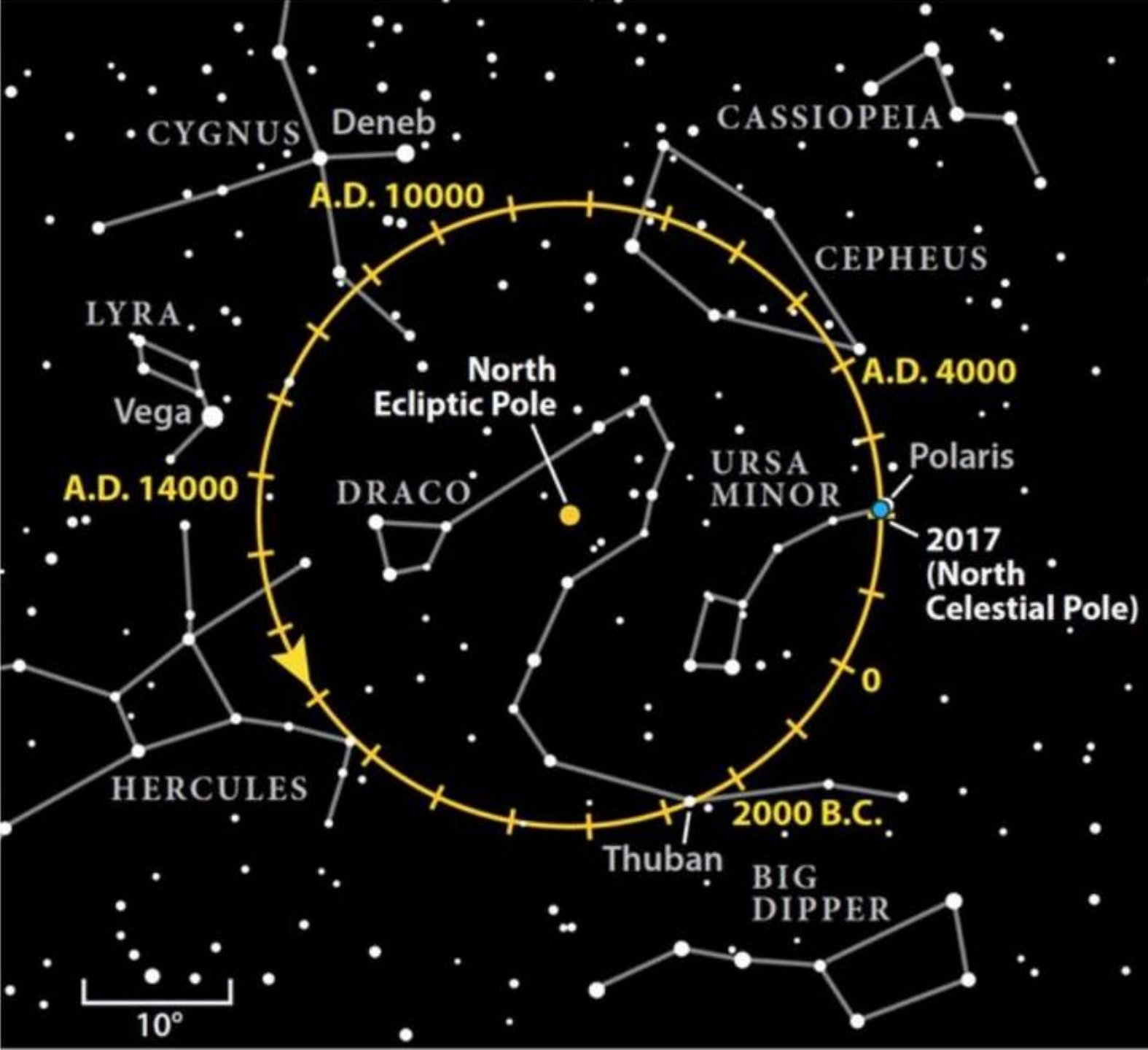
Earth's axis
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(Polaris)

We can find
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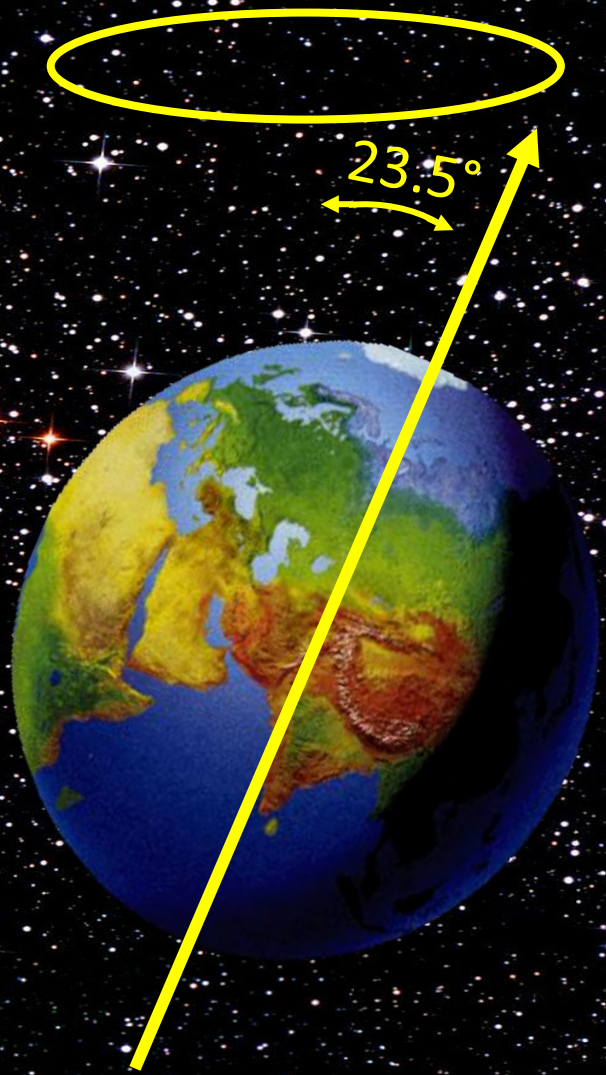




It appears that
all stars in the
heavens revolve
around Polaris.



The precession of Earth's axis causes the North Star to change over the years.



Thuban was the
North Star when
the Egyptians
built the
pyramids



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And, behold, thy cousin
Elisabeth, she hath also
conceived a son in her old age:
and this is the sixth month with
her, who was called barren.



Luke 1:36

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Bible yearly Calendar with 7 Feast Days

Passover – 14th Day of the 1st Month
Feast of Unleavened Bread – 15th – 21st of the 1st month
Feast of First Fruits – The day after the Sabbath, after the Passover (always on a Sunday)
Leviticus 23:4-14

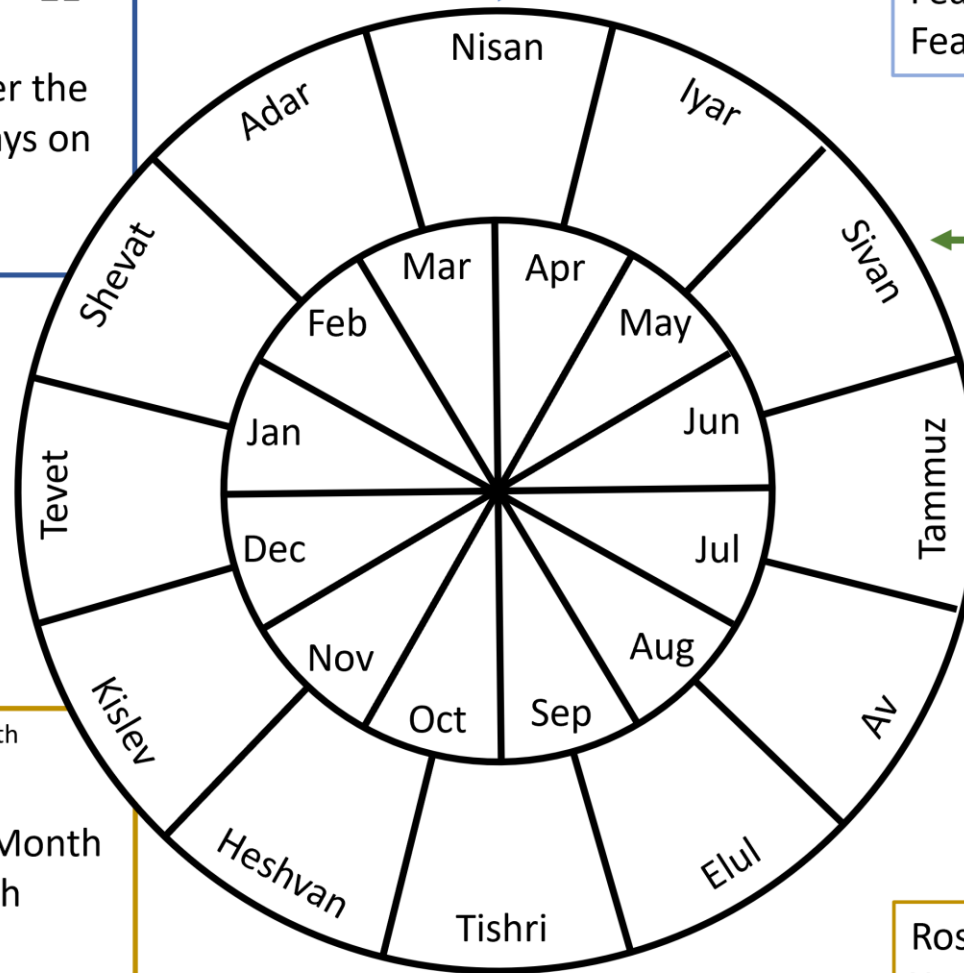
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Pentecost
(Feast of Weeks)

Pentecost – Starting on the Feast of First Fruits as Day 1, count 7 Sabbath Days (Saturdays). That brings you to 49 days. The day after the last Sabbath is Pentecost, the 50th Day.
Leviticus 23:15-21

Rosh Hashanah – 1st Day of the 7th Month
Yom Kippur – 10th Day of the 7th Month
Sukkot – 15th Day of the 7th Month
Leviticus 23:23-32

Rosh Hashanah (Feast of Trumpets)
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Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)



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- **I believe Jesus was born outdoor in a sukkot.**

Shimini Atzeret (Leviticus 23:36)

- Sukkot (**Feast of Tabernacles**) is a 7 day Fall Feast day where everyone lives in tents.
- Shimini Atzeret is the 8th day which is a Sabbath of rest.
- This 8th day is also **Simchat Torah** (joy of the Torah [**Matthew 5:17-18**])

Paganism in Christmas



1 Hear ye the word which the LORD
speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: 2
Thus saith the LORD, **Learn not the way of
the heathen**, and be not dismayed at the
signs of heaven; for the heathen are
dismayed at them.



Jeremiah 10:1-5

3 For the customs of the people are vain:
for one **cutteth a tree out of the forest,**
the work of the hands of the workman,
with the axe. 4 They **deck it with silver**
and with gold; they fasten it with nails
and with hammers, that it move not.



Jeremiah 10:1-5

5 They are upright as the palm tree,
but speak not: they must needs be
borne, because they cannot go. Be not
afraid of them; for they cannot do evil,
neither also is it in them to do good.



Jeremiah 10:1-5

Teaching the kids how to decorate the idola-tree





Beware lest any man spoil you
through philosophy and vain
deceit, **after the tradition of men,**
after the rudiments of the world,
and not after Christ.



Colossians 2:8

And he said unto them, Full
well ye reject the
commandment of God, **that**
ye may keep your own
tradition.



Mark 7:9

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.



II Corinthians 10:12









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Ephesians 2:8-9

Isaiah 55:8-9

II Timothy 3:16-17

John 14:6

Proverbs 3:5-6

I John 2:15

I John 2:16

I John 2:17

John 3:3

Psalms 12:6-7

Philippians 4:13

II Timothy 1:7