Reflections on Trees



Because they are primeval, because they out live us, because they are fixed, trees seem to emanate a sense of permanence. And though rooted in earth, they seem to touch the sky. For these reasons it is natural to feel we might learn wisdom from them, to haunt about them with the idea that if we could only read their silent riddle rightly we should learn some secret vital to our own lives; or even, more specifically, some secret vital to our real, our lasting and spiritual existence.

- Kim Taplin, Tongues in Trees, 1989, p. 14.

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Time-honored, beautiful, solemn and wise.

Noble, sacred and ancient

Trees reach the highest heavens and penetrate the deepest secrets of the earth.

Trees are the largest living beings on this planet.

Trees are in communion with the spiritual and the material.

Trees guard the forests and the sanctified places that must not be spoiled.

Trees watch over us and provide us with what we need to live on this planet.

Trees provide a focal point for meditation, enlightenment, guidance and inspiration.

Trees have a soul and a spirit.

- Tree Magick by Lavenderwater

January

						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Mary Mother of God	2	3	4	5	6 Epiphany
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

When you enter a grove peopled with ancient trees, higher than the ordinary, and shutting out the sky with their thickly inter-twined branches, do not the stately shadows of the wood, the stillness of the place, and the awful gloom of this doomed cavern then strike you with the presence of a deity?

- Seneca



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
water, provides	e tree recycles m s \$31,000 worth c control, and proo	of erosion control,	1	2 Ground Hog Day	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 National Flag of Canada Day	16	17
18	19 Presidents' Day	20 Mardi Gras	21 Ash Wednesday	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24
25	26	27	28	dioxide and put is enough to me	rest absorbs six to s out four tons of eet the annual ne Department of Ag	oxygen. This eds of 18





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they are worshipped precisely because they are hierophanies,

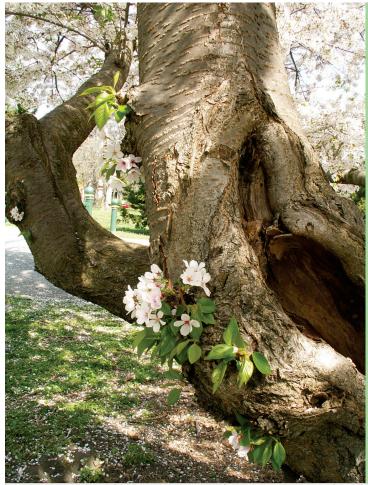
because they show something that is no longer stone or tree but sacred,

the ganz andere or 'wholly other.'

- Mircea Eliade, *Myths, Dreams and Mysteries*

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	nts heal faster, re om windows face	quire shorter stay e trees.	1	2	3	
4 Purim	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Daylight Saving Time Begins	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19 St. Joseph's Feast Day	20	21 Vernal Equinox	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Life without love is like a tree without blossom and fruit.

- Kahlil Gibran



April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Palm Sunday April Fool's Day	2	3 Passover	4	5 Holy Thursday	6 Good Friday	7 Holy Saturday
8 Easter	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Arbor Day	28
29	30			of our environmei enjoyable aspect	nt. Their grandeur of trees.	r, tenacity, and



They are beautiful in their peace, they are wise in their silence.

They will stand after we are dust. They teach us, and we tend them.

> - Galeain ip Altiem MacDunelmor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Two mature tree enough oxygen of four.		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17 Ascension Thursday	18	19
20	21 Victoria Day	22	23	24	25	26
27 Pentecost	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		



That each day I may walk unceasingly on the banks of my water, that my soul may repose on the branches of the trees which I planted, that I may refresh myself under the shadow of my sycomore.

- Egyptian tomb inscription, circa 1400 BCE

Sycomore trees were held to be sacred in ancient Egypt and are the first trees represented in ancient art.



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
significant reco	esearch, visual e overy from stress and muscle tens	1	2			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21 Summer Solstice	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



We ask for the blessing of the Inner Guardians of the Order and of our Druid forebears that this Grove might become a truly holy and sanctified place.

We respect and honour and admire you, O trees, for you represent both Peace and Power — though you are mighty you hurt no creature. Though you sustain us with your breath, you will give up your life to house and warm and teach us.

We give thanks for your blessing upon our lives and upon our lands. May you fare well in this chosen place. Awen.

- Druid Ceremony for Planting a Grove

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Saturday	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday
7	6	5	4 Independence Day	3	2	1 Canada Day
14	13	12	11	10	9	8
21	20	19	18	17	16	15
28	27	26	25	24	23	22
	gy costs and con s 10-50% & redu	conditioning cost		31	30	29



Stand Tall and Proud Sink your roots deeply into the Earth Reflect the light of a greater source Think long term Go out on a limb Remember your place among all living beings Embrace with joy the changing seasons For each yields its own abundance The Energy and Birth of Spring The Growth and Contentment of Summer The Wisdom to let go of leaves in the Fall The Rest and Quiet **Renewal of Winter**

- Ilan Shamir, Advice From a Tree

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
dioxide to be em	One person causes about 10 tons of carbon dioxide to be emitted a year. One tree removes about 1 ton of CO2 per year.		1	2	3	4
5	6 Civic Holiday (Canada)	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Assumption	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



The forest is a peculiar organism of unlimited kindness and benevolence that makes no demands for its sustenance and extends generously the products of its life and activity; it affords protection to all beings.

- Buddhist Sutra

September

Saturda	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday			
	Birds and animals use trees for their homes and shelter and as a source of food. Trees are the longest living and largest living organisms on Earth.								
:	7	6	5	4	3 Labor Day	2			
1:	14	13 Rosh Hashana Ramadan	12	11	10	9			
2: Autumna Equino Yom Kippu	21	20	19	18	17	16			
2	28	27	26	25	24	23			
						30			



Tall thriving Trees confessed the fruitful Mold:

The reddening Apple ripens here to Gold,

Here the blue Fig with luscious Juice overflows,

With deeper Red the full Pomegranate glows,

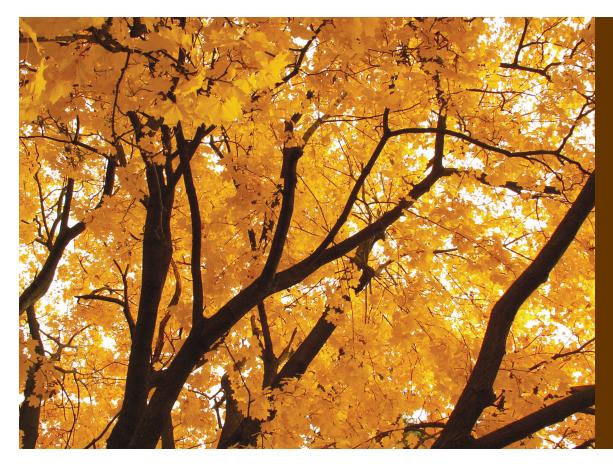
The Branch here bends beneath the weighty Pear,

and verdant Olives flourish round the Year.

- Homer

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Columbus Day (USA) Thanksgiving Day (Canada)	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween		fer between fields farming pollutants er.	



Trees enrich our lives throughout the year. They reassure us with the rustle of their leaves, give us shade to soothe our overheated bodies and they bring delight to us when we watch birds nest in their boughs. However, it is only during the fall that they wave flamboyant foliage that seems to demand our attention.

> - Blue Ridge Parkway: A Guide to Trees

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trees help reduce One acre of trees	-	-	1 All Saints' Day	2	3	
4 Daylight Saving Time Ends	5	6 Election Day	7	8	9	10
11 Veteran's Day [USA] Remembrance Day [Canada]	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	21	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



I frequently tramped eight or ten miles through the deepest snow to keep an appointment with a beech-tree, or a yellow birch, or an old acquaintance among the pines.

> - Henry David Thoreau, 1817 - 1862

December

Saturda	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday
	•	y efficient applia	ping more energ	st cost-effective wa han 1 cent, develo ng more fuel-efficie	tree costs less th	CO2, planting a
Immaculat Conceptio	7	6	5 Hanukkah	4	3	2 First Sunday of Advent
1	14	13	12	11	10	9
2 Winter Solstic	21	20	19	18	17	16
29	28	27	26 Boxing Day	25 Christmas Day	24 Christmas Eve	23
					31	30