

How do we celebrate science, math, relative freedom, and progress that has been made?

Most of the holidays I know of stem from religion or nationalism. The “hell” with them!

But besides rituals, holidays implicitly normalize particular feelings. Suggesting not only what emotions should be felt, but towards what objects, and events emotions are related with. For example, it's normal to cheer the birth of a god's son, but it's weird to celebrate the idea of a bridge.

In this document, I gather both rituals and accompanying feelings. Both personal, sometimes quirky, attempts of expressing joy, and the ones which aim to be mainstream someday.

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Countercultural holidays

Date	Name	Description
January 15	Wikipedia day	
March 14	Pi Day	Pi Day has been observed in many ways, including eating pie, throwing pies and discussing the significance of the number π , due to a pun based on the words "pi" and "pie" being homophones in English (/paɪ/), and the coincidental circular nature of a pie.
1 April	Saint Stupid's Day Parade / Atheist Day	An annual parade in San Francisco on April 1. It was founded by Ed Holmes (Bishop Joey of the First Church of the Last Laugh) in the late 1970s with the understanding that one of the unifying bonds in society is stupidity.
April 19	Bicycle Day	International holiday commemorates the date that Dr. Albert Hofmann first tripped on LSD and bicycled home from his lab in Basel.
April 22	Earth Day	
May 1	Labour Day	Emphasis on less-hour-work-day.

May 8	Smallpox eradication day	
June	Pride Month	
June 18	Neurodiversity Pride Day	
June ≈21	Secular Solstice - Wikipedia	
July 22	π Approximation Day	
July 23	Maybe Day	The primary day of celebrating the idea of a crackpot Robert Anton Wilson . But he changed the name to "Maybe Day" - I guess the idea is to decrease pressure and expectation on having opinions on everything. Normalize "maybe".
August 3	Esther Day	Day to celebrate the love between your family (chosen or given) and friends. Before Esther Earl lost her battle with cancer, she was asked by friend and award-winning author John Green how she wanted the world to celebrate her birthday after she was gone. Esther said she "wanted it to be a day to celebrate love for family and friends by telling those who we are close to that we love them, even if it is sometimes difficult to say out loud."
September 21	International Day of Peace	
September 26	Petrov Day .	Petrov Day is a tradition celebrating Soviet military officer Stanislav Petrov, who played a crucial role in preventing a nuclear attack during a false alarm incident on September 26, 1983. Two separate parties are held. Each with a red button with the ability to end another party. If the button is pressed, the second party receives a signal (which might be a false alarm with unknown probability) and has 5 minutes to decide to retaliate
October 21	Celebration of Mind	Worldwide series of events held on or around Gardner's birthday: October 21st. Anyone, anywhere, can host a CoM event, and most are open to the public. These CoM events vary in size from three people meeting to perform rubber-band

		magic for each other, to crowds of hundreds of students in highly organized exploratory paper folding activities.
December 10	Human Rights Day	The day is usually marked both by high-level political conferences and meetings and by cultural events and exhibitions dealing with human rights issues. Peace Noble is given. Organizations active in the human rights field schedule special events to commemorate the day.
December 25	Newtonmass , Holiday Holiday	December 25 - Day 1 - Newtonmas 26 - Day 2 - Galileo Galilei 27 - Day 3 - Reason's Greetings and THANK BACON! 28 - Day 4 - Learn Something New 29 - Day 5 - Read a Book 30 - Day 6 - The Internet 31 - Day 7 - Review year 01 - Day 8 - Think Source

Individual attempts

- [Jacek organized](#) a celebration of a bridge (bridge as an idea) - a long walk thru all the bridges in the city. He posted this on Couchsurfing and Facebook.
- My friend, J, celebrates inventions of math they particularly like (e.g. 11.11 - first derivative written as dx/dy) or personal, math-related events. Thus far celebration consisted of ritualized calculations, doodling, cheering, and contemplation.
- [Poems by 3b1b](#).
- Pierro Scaruffi is making a [secular equivalent to the Catholic calendar of saints](#).
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Drafts

- "The Surrender Day"
All soldiers! surrender!
Workers - you all struggle to keep environmental crisis, patriarchy, consumerism with a bravery many heroes didn't dream of.
But the war is over! Calories are cheap! Needs are the result of an arms race. Give up!
Give up! The non-judgment day is coming!
 - Contexts: As in the 'famous' song, [Negativland - Christianity Is Stupid](#)
"Christianity's stupid. Give up! Give up!"

- Sculpture: two soldiers from different countries eating and chilling, war in the background. 'chwała bohaterom'.
- My friend, K, plans to replace Christmas with [Unitness Day](#):
 "Uniteness is about reminding you about all the systems that you are a part of: solar system, Earth biosphere, economy, your communities, your body...
 It is time to celebrate the bigger structures that we find ourselves in. Find compassion and attentiveness for the other parts of these systems that we might be neglecting in everyday life. Reflect on what is your role and relationships within them and how you want to shape them in the future."
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Music Influenced by science

Warning: Most of it is cheesy.

- ["CLIMATE CHANGE" T.R.A.P. Issue 2 \(homemade sci-fi rap space opera\)](#)
- Links in [The best and oddest science-inspired music](#),
 - [Tom Lehrer - The Elements - LIVE FILM From Copenhagen in 1967](#)
- [They Might Be Giants - Why Does the Sun Shine? \(The Sun is a Mass of Incandescent Gas\)](#)
- [They Might Be Giants - Science is Real \(official TMBG video\)](#)
- [Kate Bush - Pi](#)
- [Hawkwind - Quark, Strangeness And Charm](#)
- [The Amygdaloids' "Map of Your Mind"](#)
- [Forever Young: A Love Song To Ray Kurzweil](#)
- baba brinkman (to do)