

Decade Popular Name

1480s	The Florentine Renaissance (Italy)
1540s	The Reformation; Age of Exploration
1600s	The Golden Age; Elizabethan/English Renaissance (England)
1660s	The Scientific Revolution (England)
1720s	The Great Awakening (Europe)
1780s	The Age of Reason (France & America)
1840s	The Transcendentalist Awakening (America)
1900s	The Golden Dawn (Magick) (West)
1960s	The New Age; Consciousness Revolution (world)
2020s	<i>The Awakening (Planetary)</i>
2080s	<i>The Diaspora (Solar System)</i>

The last Renaissance Decade that brought us the visionary future of *Star Trek* also saw the inception of the many Movements that have changed the world in so many ways: Sexual Freedom; Free Speech; Civil Rights; Social Justice; Anti-War; Psychedelics; Environmentalism; Gay Rights; the New Age Movement; the Women's Movement; and, of course, the revival of the Old Religion in the form of Neo-Paganism and Witchcraft.

Now we stand on the threshold of another Renaissance decade, which will begin next year. It has already been given a name—"The Awakening."

As happens every 60 years, this is a time of magick; a time for us to conceive and articulate a unified "2020 Vision" of the world we want to bring into manifestation. This is the decade when the "Millennials"—born in the dawning years of the Age of Aquarius—will be coming of age, just as our present Elders did 60 years ago.



2020 Voting

A growing coalition of Pagan Elders have been talking amongst ourselves to promote a "2020 Vision" for the coming decade, as we prepare to mentor the new generation. This time around our entire community will be able to participate via social media. So the first thing we've done is create Facebook and web sites for "The 2020 Vision."

2020 is also a Presidential election year, and the stakes have never been higher! So a concrete agenda for the inauguration of this Vision is a drive to get all Pagans registered to vote. We need to have voter registration tables at all Pagan gatherings, conventions, festivals, Pagan Pride events, etc.—as well as encourage all Pagan churches, covens, groves, nests, trads, hearths, circles, schools, and kindreds to get all their people registered. We have absolutely no intention of telling anyone *who* to vote for (we can figure that out for ourselves!). We just want all our people to *vote!*

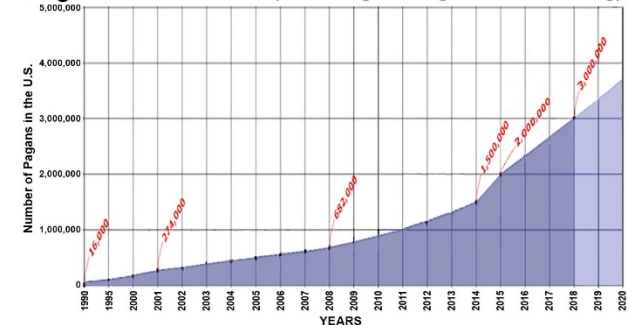
*Magick is probability enhancement;
and voting is shifting the probabilities
in your favor.*

Pagan Numbers

Religioustolerance.org provides the best current estimate of our numbers:

"...the best estimate we can make ... is that the number of [Pagan] adults in the U.S. had increased from 602,000 in 2008 to *two million* by the end of 2015. If one were to include teens, which religious surveys generally don't, we estimate over **three million** [Pagan] practitioners were active in the U.S. by mid-2018!"

Pagan Growth in U.S. (according to ReligiousTolerance.org)



(<http://www.religioustolerance.org/estimated-number-of-wiccans-in-the-united-states>)

So, at three million practitioners in 2018, modern Paganism (including Wicca) is now *the second-largest religion in America* after Christianity (70.6 million in 2014, dropping by one percentage point per year), and the fastest growing in terms of percentage! By comparison, in 2014, there were 1.9 million Jews, 0.9 million Muslims, 0.7 million Buddhists, and 0.4 million Hindus in the US. This is a significant constituency; we need to let political candidates know that there are a lot of us—and we vote! Put this on all your posts: [#iampaganandivote](https://twitter.com/iampaganandivote)

2020 Visioning

We might consider inviting candidates for public office to make appearances next year at Pagan gatherings, conventions, rallies, Pagan Pride events, etc. to answer our questions and convince us we should vote for them. When they realize just how many of us there are, they will have to consider our concerns.

Along those lines, this would be a good time to canvass our Pagan community to develop and circulate a unified “Platform” of our collective political agenda. Various Pagan organizations, Projects and Alliances have in fact done just that over the past half-century, especially in conjunction with the Parliament of the World’s Religions. We can compare these and come up with an agreeable synthesis over the coming months.

Another idea is for Pagan conferences and festivals—such as Pantheacon, Paganacon, Starwood, PUF, PSG, etc. to adopt this common rallying theme for next year: **“The 2020 Vision: Awakening a New Cycle.”** As we did with the Harmonic Convergence in 1987, we will need to create powerful rituals and Events around the world for this... “The Awakening!”

Anthems can be Isaac Bonewits’ defiant song, “We Just Say ‘no!’” with its ardent refrain, “Never again The Burning!” Also his stirring “Avalon is Rising!” And of course, Gwydion Pennderwen’s classic: “We Won’t Wait Any Longer!”

The Awakening

Just as each of us awakened into consciousness as an infant, so too is Gaea Herself poised on the threshold of a planetary Awakening—the evolution of consciousness into the next quantum leap. In Eastern traditions this is called *Enlightenment*. It is a full awakening of the spirit, in which one experiences with every fiber of one’s being the full connection with all other Beings, throughout all of Time and Space. It is the integration of both brain hemispheres into simultaneous consciousness, rather than the normal alternation of one or the other. We call this *Apotheosis*—literally, deification, or “becoming Divine.”

This might come about as a kind of universal telepathy. But I think the emergence and rapid evolution of the Internet is already providing the seeds of a technological vehicle of global consciousness through which this Awakening will inevitably manifest. In a 1926 interview with *Collier’s* magazine, Nicolo Tesla said: “When wireless is perfectly applied the whole Earth will be converted into a huge brain, which in fact it is, all things being particles of a real and rhythmic whole. We shall be able to communicate with one another instantly, irrespective of distance.”

This is your wake-up call!

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*The idealists and visionaries,
foolish enough to throw
caution to the winds and
express their ardor and faith
in some supreme deed, have
advanced mankind and have
enriched the world.*
--Emma Goldman,
social activist (1869-1940)

The 60-Year Renaissance Cycle

Every sixty years over the past six centuries, there has occurred a cultural Renaissance in Western civilization. Each of these periods has seen a similar flowering of the arts, poetry, music, drama, literature, culture, sciences, spirituality, social movements, and “utopian” communities. Along with a vision of the Goddess as Muse. Those who come of age in their teens and twenties during one cycle become wise Elders/Wizards/Sages in their 70s and 80s next time around, tasked with mentoring of the next generation of young heroes—as in the stories.

Here are the 60-year Renaissances that I have mapped: