

Festivals About The Full Moon

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<http://www.buddhanet.net/festival.htm>

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There are many special days or celebrations about the moon for different people around the world. The most famous one is the Moon Festival of the Chinese.

Passover is an eight day springtime holidays for **Jewish** people during the first full moon of "Nissan," the Jewish calendar. It celebrates God saving them from **slavery** thousands of years ago.

For the **Buddhist**, there are several celebrations on the full moon days in a year. The Buddhist in Thailand, Burma, Sri Lanka, Cambodia and Lao, the New Year keeps 3 days from the first full moon day in April. Every May on the night of the full moon, they celebrate the birth of the Buddha over 2,500 years. In India, this celebration for Buddha's birthday is called "Vesak", the name of the month in the Indian calendar.

Kandy is a beautiful city in Sri Lanka. A great **temple** is on a small hill there. People say one Buddha's tooth is inside the temple. Once a year in August, on the night of the full moon, people get together on the hill for the Festival of the Tooth.

The Loy Krathong Festival, Festival of Floating Bowls, falls on the full moon night of the twelfth lunar month in Thailand. People bring bowls made of leaves, containing flowers, candles and **incense** sticks, and float them in the water. As **they** go, all bad luck is supposed to disappear.

I. Comprehension Check: (4)

- Which is the best title for the reading?

(A) Full-moon Festivals Around The World	(B) The History Of The Moon Festival
(C) Full Moon In Different Places	(D) Fun Games For The Moon Festivals
- Which celebration is **NOT** for the Buddhist?

(A) The Loy Krathong Festival.	(B) Passover.
(C) the Festival of the Tooth.	(D) Vesak.

3. What does "**they**" mean in the last second line?
 (A) Thailand people. (B) All bad luck.
 (C) Festival of floating bowls. (D) The leaf bowls.
4. According to the reading, which is **NOT** true?
 (A) Passover falls in spring.
 (B) Buddha's birthday is in May.
 (C) In Cambodia and Lao, the New Year starts in May.
 (D) The Festival of the Tooth is in August

Answers: A B D C

II Words for Learning: (12)

publish (vt.) -- published	發表	p. 178 (on the page of the dictionary)
Her first novel was published. (the sentence cited from the dictionary)		

1. Jewish (adj.)		p.
2. slavery (n.)		p.
3. Buddhist (n.)		p.
4. temple (n.)		p.
5. incense (n.)		p.
6.		p.

III. Draw and Write: (4)

According to the reading, please draw a timeline from left to right, mark the months and re-arrange the festivals in a sequence below.