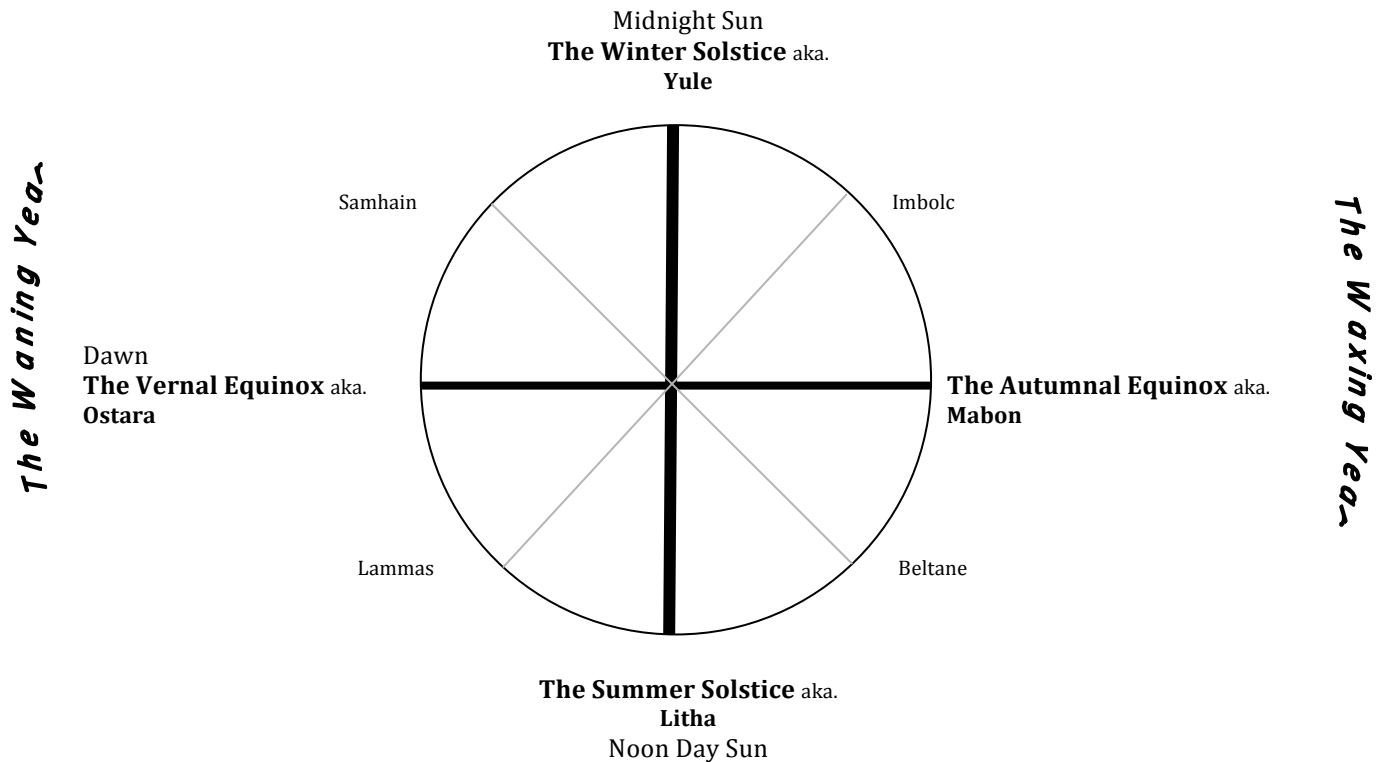


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**The Sabbats**  
**The Story through the Lens**



**The Waxing of The Light**

**The Winter Solstice**

**Yule: The Inner Awakening:** The Light renewed. Hidden beneath what appears as darkness this is the time of reaffirming the light within and awaiting the birth of an awakened mind, heart and spirit.

**The Story: Winter Solstice: Rebirth**

Goddess: Great Mother giving birth to the Sun king **Life** (birth of Sun)

**In**

**Death** (dark of Winter when nothing seems alive)

**Imbolc: The Quickening Fires of Brigid:** Building and increasing of the Light. First glimpses of sustained Light in the space of the upper world.

**The Story: Brigid: Quickening**

Goddess: Recently gave birth and through the quickening begins transformation and renewal into the form of the Maiden.

Time of ripening and fertility

Triplcity: maiden (Beltane)/mother (solstice)/crone (Samhain)

## The Vernal Equinox

**Ostara: Seeds at Earth's Core:** Dawn -renewal and first beginnings of the increasing state of awareness illuminated by the potential that is held within the fertile space of manifest form

### **The Story: Spring Equinox: Balance/Transition**

As the God is gaining in his strength the Goddess: Maiden aspect has transitioned and transformed through renewal into the eager maiden anticipating the sacred union at Beltane

**Beltane: The Tantra of Beltane:** The Quickening- union of the necessary polarities. the positive and negative charges needed to make the electrical current of Light flow and move to a state of overt Life.

### **The Story: Beltane: Procreation**

Goddess: Maiden aspect ready to procreate and continue the cycle of life. The God, now  
A youth, potent and virile

## The Waning of the Light

### The Summer Solstice

**Litha: Igniting the Inner Sun:** Noon - ripeness and fullness of potential This is the time of power and strength, that if gathered in its fullness will carry us forward into the waning year.

### **The Story: Summer Solstice: The Great Mother**

Goddess: pregnant at the apex of motherhood. God has reached his full peak as  
Source of strength and provider to the lands

**Lammas: Sitting in the Place of Sacrifice:** Twilight -First Harvest moving towards sunset and the reaping and gathering of all information and sensorial interactions. Using those lessons gained in preparation for sustaining through the dark night ahead.

### **The Story: Lammas: Sacrifice**

Goddess: Earth Mother...That which was planted and begun at Brighid comes to full harvest. Time to reap the fruits of what has been planted to continue the cycle. The God- the willing sacrifice that will re-nourish the land and provide through the winter for all.

## The Autumnal Equinox

**Mabon: Opening to the Anima Mundi:** Sunset - preparation for the state of repose and movement of the Light within towards a state of integration and place of the Hermit. The Soul of the World which animates and informs all things.

### **The Story: Autumn Equinox: Transition to Wisdom**

Goddess: Duality of both pregnant with child to be born at Solstice; recently widowed by sacrifice of God at Lammas. As she mourns this loss of her consort she enters into her time of wisdom- the Croning

**Samhain: Drinking From the Cauldron of Knowledge:** The Midnight Sun -Internal transformation preparation for change and Lighting the Way of the mystic - revelation of those shadow parts of self that have eluded the Light and require scrutiny - necessary purge to ensure the return of the state of Light to the surface.

**The Story: Samhain: Promise**

Crone.... The wise one that knows the mysteries of the sacred cauldron of life/rebirth... carries the wisdom of motherhood into the need for deeper wisdom.

**Death** (God /Consort had to be sacrificed (grain/harvest)

**in**

**Life** (the sun child sleeps still in the womb of the Goddess ready to be born at Solstice)

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