

January



Quadrantids Meteor Shower:

Up to 40 meteors per hour at its peak, made by debris left behind by an extinct comet. It runs annually, peaking this year on January 3-4. It will be best viewed in the constellation Bootes, but can appear anywhere in the sky!



2024

Sun Day Moon Day Tiw's Day Woden's Day Thor's Day Freya's Day Saturn's Day

January, the first month of the current Gregorian calendar and the second month of Winter's rule. January derives its name from the ancient Roman God, Janus, who looks both forward to the new year and the future, while also looking backward at the year past. The traditional birthstone of January is the garnet; and the carnation and the snowdrop are the month's traditional flowers. January is shared by the astrological signs of Capricorn the Goat and Aquarius the Water Bearer. January begins the year anew!

According to Pliny the Druids had a mysterious round stone, about the size of a small apple, which they called "the serpent's egg", and which they wore in a case hung round the neck. This may have been a show-stone, used like a crystal for scrying (a favourite device of witches). Some writers say that these "glane-stones", as they call them, were made of green glass, and a wonderful story was told of how they were engendered by a tangle of hissing serpents.

Gerald Gardner - Witchcraft Today

An engraved gem from ancient Rome shows Hecate, the goddess of witchcraft, in triple form. Her three pairs of arms bear the symbols of a burning torch, a scourge, and a magical dagger; once again, this appears to be a prototype of the Athame.

Doreen Valiente - ABCs

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Roman Feast of Janus and also Fortuna.
German Day of the Three Fates: Bertha, the Morrigan, and the Parcae.
Sir James George Frazer born, 1854.



Birth of Inanna.
Egyptian Advent of Isis from Phoenecia.

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Festival of Sleep.
Pueblo Indian "Deer Dances" fertility ceremony wearing deer headaddresses.
Greek Lenaia festival of Dionysus.
J.R.R. Tolkien born, 1892.

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born, 1922

John Belham-Payne born, 1952.
Roman Feast of Befana.
Kore's Day, Greek Goddess of wells, springs & life-giving.
English Wassail Eve.
Nile River holds special powers on this date.

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Day of Proserpina (Roman).
Festival of Sirona (Celtic).
Circle Sanctuary legally recognized as a Wiccan Church by its local government, 1988.

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Egyptian New Year
Feast of Sekhmet

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Plough Monday,
Monica English born, 1920 (Mary Monica Barrett)
Greek Midwife's Day to honor the Goddess Baubo.
Roman Justitia's Day.
Norse feast of Freya.
S.L. MacGregor-Mathers, 1854.
Stephen Hawking born, 1942.

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Roman Feast of Janus

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Iroquois Feast of Dreams, to celebrate the New Year.

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New Moon, Capricorn

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15-day Roman Carmentalia begins, honoring the Nymphs of prophecy.
Feast of Juturna, Goddess of pools and still waters (Rome)

Roman feast of Compitalia to honor the household Gods.

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Norse Midvintersblot, also celebrating Tiw, the chief Teutonic God.
Druid Feast of Brewing (Ireland)
Greek feast of the Wind Gods of the Eight Directions.

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Greek Gamelion Noumenia.
Psychedelic "Human Be-In" San Francisco, 1967.
Indian 3-day Pongal festival begins for sun-god Surya and spirits who bring rains.

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Martin Luther King Day

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Roman Feast of the Ass, celebrated in honor of the Goddess Vesta.



Religious Freedom Day
Greek Feast of the Charities, Two-day festival to honour Goddesses of Beneficence.
Indonesian fire-god Betoro Bromo honored at midnight, food & flowers cast into the volcano where He dwells.

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Roman Feast of Felicitas, Goddess of good luck.
Two-day Feast of Aphrodite Wassailing the Apple Trees, (Celtic Britain)

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Chinese kitchen-god Zao Jun is honored.
Sabbat of Lilitu (Assyrian) when the Goddess battles the Wyvore dragon of the transmuting alkahest.

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Dorothy Clutterbuck born in Bengal, India in 1880.
Thorablottar, feast of Thor (Iceland).
Icelandic Husband's Day.

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Aquarius begins
Divination by Fire was traditionally performed on this date.
Women would dream of their future husband on this night.

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National Hugging Day

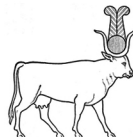
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Feast of the Danish Goddess Yngona.



Sir Francis Bacon born, 1561, founder, Rosicrucian Order.
Greek Festival of the Muses; (the word "museum" means Temple of the Muses.)



Libation of cow's milk is poured into the Nile River

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Sementivae begins, nine-day Roman festival of sowing, to honor of Goddesses Terra, Ceres and Proserpina.
Day of Bolivian prosperity god Ekeko.

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Wolf Moon, Leo
Robert Boyle born, 1627-1691 Irish scientist, alchemist and co-founder of secret Oxford laboratory, the Invisible College, catalyst for the Royal Society.

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Feast of Aphrodite

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Day of Ishtar, Goddess of love, fertility, and battle. (Assyria/Babylonia)



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Phoenix (Long Island Line) born in Brooklyn, New York. (1933)

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Vietnamese Parade of the Unicorns.
Goddesses Irene and Pax were born on this day.

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Roman festival of Pax, Goddess of Peace.
Roger Bacon finished writing the Opus Maius, 1266. He was jailed as a "possessor of forbidden knowledge."

Shetland Islands, Viking festival "Up-Helly-Aa".
Feast of Sarasvati, Hindu Goddess of Education, honored by students seeking help with exams.
Chinese annual festival honoring Kuan Yin.

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She was a very friendly lady and explained how the stones had foretold my coming. They were not runes with which I am familiar, but ordinary pebbles of varying sizes which she had at some time collected from the beach.
Lois Bourne
Dancing with Witches

Within the Circle, all females must wear a conspicuous necklace of beads or gemstones which are all the same size. It must encircle the base of the neck, and look like a circle. This is because the Goddess wears one, and because it signifies the circle of rebirth. No other additional necklaces or long chains should be worn. They would look incongruous and completely spoil the effect of the magical necklace.

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