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 from January 1-5, peaking on the night between the 3rd and 4th, it will be best viewed after midnight in the constellation Bootes, but can appear anywhere in the sky!



Sun Day

Moon Day

Tiw's Day

Woden's Day

Thor's Day

Freya's Day Saturn's Day

There are three working tools which are essential and nothing can be done without them; that is, something to cut and stab with, something to strike with and something to bind with. There are five others, all of which have their special uses and are only needed if that particular kind of work is being done. For an initiation all eight must be present and the initiate is told the use of, and holds, each in turn.

Gerald Gardner - Witchcraft Today

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

Birth of Inanna. Egyptian Advent of Isis from Phoenecia.

Festival of Sleep. Pueblo Indian "Deer Dances" fertility ceremony wearing deer headdresses. Greek Lenaia festival of Dionysus.

J.R.R. Tolkien born, 1892.

Roman Feast of Felicitas.

Two-day Feast of Aphrodite

Wassailing the Apple Trees

Goddess of good luck.

Doreen Dominy 4Valiente

born, 1922

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John Belham-Pavne 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.

New Moon. Capricorn Partial Solar Eclipse Day of Proserpina (Roman). Festival of Sirona (Celtic).

Circle Sanctuary legally recognized as a Wiccan Church by its local government, 1988.

Egyptian New Year

Feast of Sekhmet

Greek Gamelion Noumenia.

Psychedelic "Human Be-In"

Indian 3-day Pongal festival

begins for sun-god Surya

and spirits who bring rains.

San Francisco, 1967.

Plough Monday, to drive off evil spirits Stephen Hawking born, 1942.

Monica English born, 1920 (Mary Monica Barrett) Greek Midwife's Day to honor the Goddess Baubo. Roman Justica's Day. Norse feast of Freva. S.L. MacGregor-Mathers, 1854



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.

Roman Feast of Janus

Iroquois Feast of Dreams to celebrate the New Year.

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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.

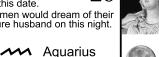
Hindu Makara-Sankranti celebrated in India with saffron, songs of joy, and ritual baths in sacred rivers.

Norse Midvintersblot, also celebrating Tiu, the chief Teutonic God. Druid Feast of Brewing

(Ireland) Greek feast of the Wind Gods of the Eight Directions.

Divination by Fire was traditionally performed on this date.

Women would dream of their future husband on this night.

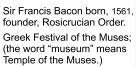


Feast of the Danish Goddess Yngona.



Total Lunar Eclipse

Super Moon



Day of Hathor

Libation of cow's milk is poured into

the Nile River

Sementivae begins, nine-day Roman festival of sowing, to

(Greek)

(Celtic Britain)

honor of Goddesses Terra. Ceres and Proserpina.

Day of Bolivian prosperity god Ekeko.

Chinese kitchen-god Zao Jur is honored.

Sabbat of Lilitu (Assyrian) when the Goddess battles the Wyvore dragon of the transmuting alkahest.

Robert Boyle born, 1627-169

Irish scientist, alchemist and

co-founder of secret Oxford

laboratory, the Invisible

College, catalyst for the

Royal Society.

Dorothy Clutterbuck born in Bengal, India in 1880.

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Thorrablottar, feast of Thor (Iceland).

Icelandic Husband's Day.

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begins

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



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

Roman Feast

celebrated in

honor of the

Goddess Vesta.

of the Ass,

Vietnamese Parade of the Unicorns

Goddesses Irene and Pax were born on this day.

Roman festival of Pax. Goddess of Peace.

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

Feast of Sarasvati Hindu Goddess of Education honored by students seeking help with exams.

Chinese annual festival honoring Kuan Yin.

They are shown the ritual "working tools" of a Witch, and their use is explained. Probably they are given or lent some already consecrated things, as it is necessary to have consecrated objects in order to make a new set for oneself. This is the magical link down through the ages.

Doreen Valiente - Where Witchcraft Lives

Keris sometimes have lucky signs carved on the blade... They may be lucky or magic verses or magic signs: the seal of Solomon is a favourite, magic squares are also common. but have usually been miscopied from somewhere since they rarely add up correctly.

Gerald Gardner - Keris and Other Malay Weapons

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!

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