

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!



2019

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

<p>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.</p> <p>Gerald Gardner - <i>Witchcraft Today</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Birth of Inanna. Egyptian Advent of Isis from Phoenecia.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Festival of Sleep. Pueblo Indian "Deer Dances" fertility ceremony wearing deer headaddresses. Greek Lenaia festival of Dionysus. J.R.R. Tolkien born, 1892.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Doreen Dominy Valiente</p>  <p>born, 1922</p>	<p>5</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>6</p>  <p>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.</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>Egyptian New Year Feast of Sekhmet Plough Monday, to drive off evil spirits.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Monica English born, 1920 (Mary Monica Barrett) Greek Midwife's Day to honor the Goddess Baubo. Roman Justica's Day. Norse feast of Freya. S.L. MacGregor-Mathers, 1854. Stephen Hawking born, 1942.</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Roman Feast of Janus</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>Iroquois Feast of Dreams, to celebrate the New Year.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>15-day Roman Carmentalia begins, honoring the Nymphs of prophecy. Feast of Juturna, Goddess of pools and still waters (Rome)</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Norse Midvintersblot, also celebrating Tiw, the chief Teutonic God. Druid Feast of Brewing (Ireland) Greek feast of the Wind Gods of the Eight Directions.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>Roman Feast of the Ass, celebrated in honor of the Goddess Vesta.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Roman Feast of Felicitas, Goddess of good luck. Two-day Feast of Aphrodite (Greek) Wassailing the Apple Trees, (Celtic Britain)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Chinese kitchen-god Zao Jun is honored. Sabbat of Lilith (Assyrian) when the Goddess battles the Wyvore dragon of the transmuting alkahest.</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Divination by Fire was traditionally performed on this date. Women would dream of their future husband on this night.</p> <p> Aquarius begins</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>Feast of the Danish Goddess Yngona. Full Moon, Super Moon Leo Total Lunar Eclipse</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Sir Francis Bacon born, 1561, founder, Rosicrucian Order. Greek Festival of the Muses; (the word "museum" means Temple of the Muses.)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Day of Hathor</p>  <p>Libation of cow's milk is poured into the Nile River</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Sementivae begins, nine-day Roman festival of sowing, to honor of Goddesses Terra, Ceres and Proserpina. Day of Bolivian prosperity god Ekeko.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Robert Boyle born, 1627-1691 Irish scientist, alchemist and co-founder of secret Oxford laboratory, the Invisible College, catalyst for the Royal Society.</p>
<p>27</p>  <p>Day of Ishtar, Goddess of love, fertility, and battle. (Assyria/Babylonia)</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>Phoenix (Long Island Line) born in Brooklyn, New York. (1933)</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>Vietnamese Parade of the Unicorns. Goddesses Irene and Pax were born on this day.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Roman festival of Pax, Goddess of Peace. Roger Bacon finished writing the Opus Maius, 1266. He was jailed as a "possessor of forbidden knowledge."</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Feast of Sarasvati, Hindu Goddess of Education, honored by students seeking help with exams. Chinese annual festival honoring Kuan Yin.</p>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Doreen Valiente - <i>Where Witchcraft Lives</i></p>
<p><i>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!</i></p>					<p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Gerald Gardner - <i>Keris and Other Malay Weapons</i></p>

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