

# 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 3rd and morning of the 4th, it will be best viewed after midnight in the constellation Bootes, but can appear anywhere in the sky!



# 2018

Sun Day

Moon Day

Tiw's Day

Woden's Day

Thor's Day

Freya's Day

Saturn's Day

<p>"The flickering of the fire and smoke made it seem to move as if it were alive..."</p> <p>Gerald Gardner The Meaning of Witchcraft</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>Wolf Moon, Cancer Supermoon</p> <p>Birth of Inanna.</p> <p>Egyptian Advent of Isis from Phoenecia.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Festival of Sleep.</p> <p>Pueblo Indian "Deer Dances" fertility ceremony wearing deer headaddresses.</p> <p>Greek Lenaia festival of Dionysus.</p> <p>J.R.R. Tolkien born, 1892.</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>Doreen Dominy Valiente</b></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 &amp; life-giving English Wassail Eve. Nile River holds special powers on this date.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>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</p> <p>Feast of Sekhmet</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Plough Monday, to drive off evil spirits. 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>12</p> <p>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.</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>World Religion Day Baha'i 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>Martin Luther King Day</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 &amp; flowers cast into the volcano where He dwells.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>New Moon, Capricorn</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>19</p> <p>Dorothy Clutterbuck born in Bengal, India in 1880. Thorrablottar, feast of Thor (Iceland). Icelandic Husband's Day.</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.</p> <p>National Hugging Day</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>26</p> <p>Feast of Aphrodite</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>Full Moon, Leo Total Lunar Eclipse</p> <p>Feast of Sarasvati, Hindu Goddess of Education, honored by students seeking help with exams. Chinese annual festival honoring Kuan Yin.</p>	<p>"The flame has been re-kindled in the Cauldron. The message for the future is clear..."</p> <p>Patricia Crowther Lid Off the Cauldron</p>	<p>"But it was also said: 'The rites are not equally good for all; there are many more Thyrsus-bearers than Bacchic souls. Many have the fire indeed, without the power to discover it', that is, 'All are not true initiates.'"</p> <p>Gerald Gardner - Witchcraft Today</p>	

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!

"Fire was considered to be the most spiritual of the elements... Seeing pictures in the fire was one of (the) earliest sources of clairvoyant vision, when the tribal groups huddled together in the darkness of the caves. To this day, there is an old countryside belief in Somerset that leaping flames talk, and if you listen to them at the right moment, they will tell you your future."

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