

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!



2016

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

<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!</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>Doreen Dominy Valiente</p>  <p>born, 1922</p>		<p>4</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>5</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>6</p>  <p>Egyptian New Year</p> <p>Feast of Sekhmet</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Greek Midwife's Day to honor the Goddess Baubo. Roman Justica's Day. Norse feast of Freya. S.L. MacGregor-Mathers born, 1854. Steven Hawking born, 1942.</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Roman Feast of Janus</p>
 <p>10</p> <p>New Moon, Capricorn Iroquois Feast of Dreams, to celebrate the New Year.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Plough Monday, to drive off evil spirits. 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>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</p>	
<p>17</p> <p>World Religion Day Baha'i 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>Martin Luther King Day Chinese kitchen-god Zao Jun is honored. Sabbat of Lilitu (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>Aquarius begins</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>Feast of the Danish Goddess Yngona. 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>Wolf Moon, Leo 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>Tu B'Shevat 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>Feast of Sarasvati, Hindu Goddess of Education, especially honored by students seeking help in their exams. Hawaiian festival of the Narcissus Flower Goddess. Chinese annual festival honoring Kuan Yin.</p>	<p><i>"My directorship of the Museum of Magic and Witchcraft at Castletown, Isle of Man, brings me a great deal of correspondence from all parts of the world; some interesting, some abusive (a very little, just enough to enliven matters), some fantastic, and some funny in all senses of the word. However, my more serious correspondents want to know the origin of witchcraft. Where, they ask, did it come from?"</i> Gerald Gardner, <i>The Meaning of Witchcraft</i></p>						
<p><i>"G.B.G. decided that the time had now arrived for members of the Craft of the Wise to come out into the open and speak out to the world about their rituals and beliefs. He accordingly proceeded to do so, by means of his writings, broadcasts, press interviews, and by his Museum of Magic and Witchcraft at Castletown, Isle of Man."</i> Doreen Valiente, <i>An ABC of Witchcraft</i></p>							
<p><i>"His museum, ten minutes away from his home, stands in the shadow of an old mill, traditionally associated with local witches. If you see Gardner here, among the relics of three thousand years of The Craft, you will feel that he is a man with a purpose. That purpose is all around him, on the three floors of the museum and in the books which line many of the walls there."</i> Jack Bracelin, Gerald Gardner - <i>Witch</i></p>							

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