

January











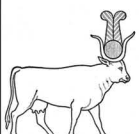




Quadrantids Meteor Shower:

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. It will be best viewed in the constellation Bootes, but can appear anywhere in the sky!



2022

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

<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>"The Sephiroth, or Divine Emanations from the Unmanifest, which are arranged as the Qabalistic Tree of Life, represent the attributes of God; and of these some are male and some female."</i> Doreen Valiente An ABC of Witchcraft</p>		<p>1 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> New Moon, Capricorn</p> <p>Birth of Inanna. Egyptian Advent of Isis from Phoenecia.</p>		<p>2 Festival of Sleep. Pueblo Indian "Deer Dances" fertility ceremony wearing deer headdresses. Greek Lenaia festival of Dionysus. J.R.R. Tolkien born, 1892.</p>		<p>Doreen Dominy Valiente  born, 1922</p>		<p>5 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 Day of Proserpina (Roman). Festival of Sirona (Celtic). Circle Sanctuary legally recognized as a Wiccan Church by its local government, 1988.</p>		<p>7  Egyptian New Year Feast of Sekhmet</p>		<p>8 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  Roman Feast of Janus</p>		<p>10 Iroquois Feast of Dreams, to celebrate the New Year. Plough Monday, to drive off evil</p>		<p>11 15-day Roman Carmentalia begins, honoring the Nymphs of prophecy. Feast of Juturna, Goddess of pools and still waters (Rome)</p>		<p>12 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 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 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  Roman Feast of the Ass, celebrated in honor of the Goddess Vesta.</p>	
<p>16 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  Wolf Moon, Cancer Tu B'Shevat Martin Luther King Day Roman Feast of Felicitas, Goddess of good luck. Two-day Feast of Aphrodite Wassailing the Apple Trees, (Celtic Britain)</p>		<p>18 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 Dorothy Clutterbuck born in Bengal, India in 1880. Thorablottar, feast of Thor (Iceland). Icelandic Husband's Day.</p>		<p>20  Aquarius begins Divination by Fire was traditionally performed on this date. Women would dream of their future husband on this night.</p>		<p>21  Feast of the Danish Goddess Yngona.</p>		<p>22 Sir Francis Bacon born, 1561, founder, Rosicrucian Order. Greek Festival of the Muses; (the word "museum" means Temple of the Muses.)</p>	
<p>23 Day of Hathor  Libation of cow's milk is poured into the Nile River</p>		<p>24 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 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  Feast of Aphrodite</p>		<p>27  Day of Ishtar, Goddess of love, fertility, and battle. (Assyria/Babylonia)</p>		<p>28  Phoenix (Long Island Line) born in Brooklyn, New York. (1933)</p>		<p>29  Vietnamese Parade of the Unicorns. Goddesses Irene and Pax were born on this day.</p>	
<p>30 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 Feast of Sarasvati, Hindu Goddess of Education, honored by students seeking help with exams. Chinese annual festival honoring Kuan Yin.</p>		<p><i>"Witches believe that much of their knowledge came from the East and they think there are witch practices described in the Kabbala, notably verses 964-969 of the Greater Holy Assembly of the Book of Zohar and elsewhere."</i> Gerald Gardner Witchcraft Today</p>		<p><i>"The four great Sabbats each take place when the sun is in one of the four fixed signs of the Zodiac; sometimes called the Kerubic Signs, because they are the Man, Eagle, Lion and Bull which, according to Kabalistic teaching, are the Kerubs or ruling symbols of the Four Elements. The Man is Aquarius, the fixed sign of Air..."</i> Gerald Gardner - The Meaning of Witchcraft</p>		<p><i>"The Hebrew Qabalah, which was believed by its translator S.L. MacGregor Mathers to derive ultimately from ancient Egypt, shows a fundamentally similar idea, with its twin pillars of Mercy and Severity, balanced by the middle pillar of Beauty or Harmony. The pillar of Mercy is crowned by Chokmah, the archetypal masculine principle; the pillar of Severity is crowned by Binah, the archetypal feminine; while the middle pillar bears the highest crown of all, the divine white brilliance of Kether, the first emanation."</i> Doreen Valiente - Witchcraft for Tomorrow</p>					

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