

# 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 3-4. It will be best viewed in the constellation Bootes, but can appear anywhere in the sky!


















# 2023

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

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!

"Hence the Lord of the Gates of Death is also the phallic deity of fertility, the Opener of the Door of Life. This is the reason why the witches' god was incorporated into the Roman pantheon as Janus, the two-faced god who was Guardian of the Gates. He and his consort Diana are two of the oldest deities of Western Europe, and Diana is named in the Canon Episcopi of the early tenth century as being the goddess of the witches."

Gerald Gardner - *The Meaning of Witchcraft*

<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>2  Birth of Inanna. Egyptian Advent of Isis from Phoenecia.</p>	<p>3 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>4 <b>Doreen Dominy Valiente</b>  born, 1922</p>	<p>5 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  Wolf Moon, Cancer 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 Plough Monday, to drive off evil  Roman Feast of Janus</p>	<p>10  Iroquois Feast of Dreams, to celebrate the New Year.</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 Martin Luther King Day 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 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  New Moon, Aquarius National Hugging Day 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 Shetland Islands, Viking festival "Up-Helly-Aa". Feast of Sarasvati, Hindu Goddess of Education, honored by students seeking help with exams. Chinese annual festival honoring Kuan Yin.</p>	<p>"She is the Great Mother of All, the giver of fertility and the power of reproduction. All life comes from her; all life-giving crops and fruits, animals and people are her children. She is the Bringer and the Taker Away, the Goddess of Life, Death and Rebirth; but all in a sweetly loving way. Laughingly she has been described as 'The Mother who lovingly spans and kisses her children.'" Gerald Gardner - <i>The Meaning of Witchcraft</i></p>	<p>"Witchcraft almost everywhere had two main derivatives to which its other formative influences became attached; the fertility cults persisting from the indigenous inhabitants of any area, and the latter 'magical' practices derived through direct or distorting channels from the centralising Egyptian source. Witchcraft as it emerges into European history and literature represents the old palaeolithic fertility cult plus the magical idea and various parodies of contemporary religions." Gerald Gardner - <i>Witchcraft Today</i></p>		

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