

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 2nd and 3rd, it will be best viewed after midnight in the constellation Bootes, but can appear anywhere in the sky!



2021

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>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 headdresses. 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 Feast of Sekhmet</p>	<p>7</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>8</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>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>New Moon, Capricorn Norse Midvintersblot, also celebrating Tiu, 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>Martin Luther King Day 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>Aquarius begins 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>21</p>  <p>Feast of the Danish Goddess Yngona.</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 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>Wolf Moon, Leo 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>Dr. Gardner is a grand old man, over 75 years old... His entire body is covered with magical tattoos. His right wrist is decorated with a heavy bracelet of copper, indicating his grade in the Order, in which his name is Scire O.T.O. 4/7. At his side he carries a sorcerer's dagger, covered with cabbalistical designs with which he traces the magical circle, whilst he holds in the other the hammer of Thor.</i> Jack Bracelin - Gerald Gardner, Witch</p> <p><i>The use by witches of a magical weapon of this kind is very ancient. A picture upon a Greek vase of circa 200 B.C. shows two naked witches engaged in 'drawing down the moon', that is, invoking the powers of the moon to aid in their magic. One holds a wand and the other a short sword. Evidently the magical knife could have evolved from this sword.</i> Doreen Valiente - An ABC of Witchcraft</p> <p><i>Country witches use ordinary household implements as their magical tools, and would use their kitchen knife as their athame. To reservemagical tools solely for circle work - and having a white-handled knife separate from the athame to fashion one's tools - is a hangover from ceremonial magic and the dualist separation of the sacred from the profane.</i> Fred Lamond - Fifty Years of Wicca</p>					

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