

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!



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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!

'Gardnerians' retort that Gerald Gardner's motives for publicising witchcraft were good and sincere, and that thanks to him the old Craft of the Wise has experienced a veritable renaissance in the present day. They claim that their practices are as traditional as anyone else's, and that their beliefs and philosophy have brought happiness to many people, who, were it not for Gerald Gardner, would never have heard of witchcraft as a religion and a way of life. *Doreen Valiente - An ABC of Witchcraft*

All things considered, not least the fact that Gerald Gardner was instrumental in bringing the Old Religion back into the conscious mind of the race - his name will be remembered with affection long after his old enemies have vanished into obscurity. In Britain, America and elsewhere in the world Gerald's name is already synonymous with the Great Goddess as 'the messenger' who brought the Mother back to Her orphaned children.

Patricia Crowther - One Witch's World

...during the night of 2 January 1995, I dreamed of Gerald Gardner. It was the very first time since his death in 1964 that I had dreamed of him... The dream of Gerald was quite vivid. I saw him just head and shoulders. He still had that shock of wild, white hair and a white beard, but his face was fuller, his complexion ruddier and more healthy looking, his eyes bright and sparkling, and in some inexplicable way he looked young, despite the white hair and beard.

Lois Bourne - Dancing with Witches

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.

Birth of Inanna.
Egyptian Advent of Isis from Phoenecia.

Wolf Moon, Cancer - Supermoon
Festival of Sleep.
Pueblo Indian "Deer Dances" fertility ceremony wearing deer headaddresses.
Greek Lenaia festival of Dionysus.
J.R.R. Tolkien born, 1892.

Doreen Dominy Valiente
born, 1922

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.

Day of Proserpina (Roman).
Festival of Sirona (Celtic).
Circle Sanctuary legally recognized as a Wiccan Church by its local government, 1988.

Egyptian New Year
Feast of Sekhmet

Monica English born, 1920 (Mary Monica Barrett)
Greek Midwife's Day to honor the Goddess Baubo.
Roman Justitia's Day.
Norse feast of Freya.
S.L. MacGregor-Mathers, 1854.
Stephen Hawking born, 1942.

Roman Feast of Janus

Iroquois Feast of Dreams, to celebrate the New Year.

15-day Roman Carmentalia begins, honoring the Nymphs of prophecy.
Feast of Juturna, Goddess of pools and still waters (Rome)

Hindu Makara-Sankranti celebrated in India with saffron, songs of joy, and ritual baths in sacred rivers.

Norse Midvintersblot, also celebrating Tiw, the chief Teutonic God.
Druid Feast of Brewing (Ireland)
Greek feast of the Wind Gods of the Eight Directions.

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.

Roman Feast of the Ass, celebrated in honor of the Goddess Vesta.

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.

Roman Feast of Felicitas, Goddess of good luck.
Two-day Feast of Aphrodite Wassailing the Apple Trees, (Celtic Britain)

New Moon, Capricorn
Chinese kitchen-god Zao Jun is honored.
Sabbat of Lilith (Assyrian) when the Goddess battles the Wyvore dragon of the transmuting alkahest.

Dorothy Clutterbuck born in Bengal, India in 1880.
Thorablottar, feast of Thor (Iceland).
Icelandic Husband's Day.

Aquarius begins
Divination by Fire was traditionally performed on this date.
Women would dream of their future husband on this night.

National Hugging Day
Feast of the Danish Goddess Yngona.

Sir Francis Bacon born, 1561, founder, Rosicrucian Order.
Greek Festival of the Muses; (the word "museum" means Temple of the Muses.)

Day of Hathor
Libation of cow's milk is poured into the Nile River

Sementivae begins, nine-day Roman festival of sowing, to honor of Goddesses Terra, Ceres and Proserpina.
Day of Bolivian prosperity god Ekeko.

Robert Boyle born, 1627-1691
Irish scientist, alchemist and co-founder of secret Oxford laboratory, the Invisible College, catalyst for the Royal Society.

Feast of Aphrodite

Day of Ishtar, Goddess of love, fertility, and battle. (Assyria/Babylonia)

Phoenix (Long Island Line) born in Brooklyn, New York. (1933)

Vietnamese Parade of the Unicorns.
Goddesses Irene and Pax were born on this day.

Roman festival of Pax, Goddess of Peace.
Roger Bacon finished writing the Opus Maius, 1266. He was jailed as a "possessor of forbidden knowledge."

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.

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