

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!



2025

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!


In spite of the fact that in 1423 St. Bernardino of Siena had preached against Tarot cards at Bologna, calling them an invention of the Devil, in 1484 the famous miniaturist Antonio Cicognara was commissioned to paint a most beautiful pack of these cards for presentation as a gift to Cardinal Ascanio Sforza. Some cards from this magnificent pack were put on show in America in 1954. It is true that the Tarot cards could be used merely for gaming, but their greatest use, as occult students know, is for divination.

Gerald Gardner - *The Meaning of Witchcraft*

She read the crystal and some Spanish Tarot cards for me and she was remarkably accurate about my past. She told me that I would live well into my eighties, and I said under my breath "Heaven forbid!"
Lois Bourne
Dancing with Witches

The elemental weapons appear also in the emblems of the Tarot cards, of great antiquity and unknown provenance: the wands, cups, swords and pentacles of the pack of seventy-eight cards, the forerunners of our playing-card pack, about which so much has been written in speculation and fantasy. The fact that the suit signs are shown in the hands of The juggler, the first of the Tarot trumps, and are displayed upon his table, is an indication that they were realized to be the tools of magic.
Doreen Valiente - *Witchcraft for Tomorrow*

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.

2

Birth of Inanna.
Egyptian Advent of Isis from Phoenecia.

3
Festival of Sleep.
Pueblo Indian "Deer Dances" fertility ceremony wearing deer headdresses.
Greek Lenaia festival of Dionysus.
J.R.R. Tolkien born, 1892.

4
Doreen Dominy Valiente

born, 1922

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.

6
Day of Proserpina (Roman).
Festival of Sirona (Celtic).
Circle Sanctuary legally recognized as a Wiccan Church by its local government, 1988.


7

Egyptian New Year
Feast of Sekhmet

8
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.

9

Roman Feast of Janus

10

Iroquois Feast of Dreams, to celebrate the New Year.


11
15-day Roman Carmentalia begins, honoring the Nymphs of prophecy.
Feast of Juturna, Goddess of pools and still waters (Rome)

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.

13

Wolf Moon, Cancer Plough Monday, Norse Midwintersblot, also celebrating Tiw, the chief Teutonic God.
Druid Feast of Brewing (Ireland)
Greek feast of the Wind Gods of the Eight Directions.


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.

15
Roman Feast of the Ass, celebrated in honor of the Goddess Vesta.


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.

17
Roman Feast of Felicitas, Goddess of good luck.
Two-day Feast of Aphrodite Wassailing the Apple Trees, (Celtic Britain)


18
Chinese kitchen-god Zao Jun is honored.
Sabbat of Lilitu (Assyrian) when the Goddess battles the Wyvore dragon of the transmuting alkahest.

19

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

20
Martin Luther King Day
Divination by Fire was traditionally performed on this date.
Women would dream of their future husband on this night.

21
National Hugging Day
Feast of the Danish Goddess Yngona.


22
Sir Francis Bacon born, 1561, founder, Rosicrucian Order.
Greek Festival of the Muses; (the word "museum" means Temple of the Muses.)


23
Day of Hathor

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

24
Sementivae begins, nine-day Roman festival of sowing, to honor of Goddesses Terra, Ceres and Proserpina.
Day of Bolivian prosperity god Ekeko.

25
Robert Boyle born, 1627-1691 Irish scientist, alchemist and co-founder of secret Oxford laboratory, the Invisible College, catalyst for the Royal Society.


26

Feast of Aphrodite

27

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

28

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

29

New Moon, Aquarius
Vietnamese Parade of the Unicorns.
Goddesses Irene and Pax were born on this day.

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."

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.

By studying the Tarot I became familiar with occult symbolism; the Major Arcana explaining the soul's evolution towards Godhead. And through actually reading them, I was given information on how to proceed from that particular point in my life.
Patricia Crowther
Stagecraft to Witchcraft

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