The SF Book of Days

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DEDICATED TO:

Friday, August 30, 1974 Thursday, October 3, 1974 Saturday, August 30, 1980 and most of all, to Friday, April 9, 1982

INTRODUCTION: *The Days of Futures Passed*

This idea for this book came in the year HAL wasn't born, Skynet didn't attempt to destroy the human race, and worst of all, the *Jupiter II* wasn't launched. All things considered, the real world's version of the year 1997 was a pale imitation of the momentous year chronicled by many science fiction stories, books, and media.

Of course, science fiction has taken it on the chin from reality before. The atom bomb was first used in war on August 6, 1945 — not the 1960's, as H.G. Wells had told us. On April 12, 1961, Yuri Gagarin in Vostok I — and not Richard Seaton in The Skylark of Space — became the first man in space. Armstrong and Aldrin made the first footprints on the Moon on July 21, 1969 — not Cavor and Bedford, nor even Leslie LeCroix. The closest that the world of 1984 came to universal totalitarianism was Apple Computer's Superbowl commercial. In 1990, the United States and Russia fought a long-awaited war in the Persian Gulf — but incredibly, almost insultingly, they were on the same side.

This process accelerated as the 1990's wore on. One by one, the great days and years of science fiction have fallen like wheat before a thresher. World Wars III and IV — *gone*. Luna City, Marsport, Venus Equilateral — *gone*. The Eugenics Wars and the great ecological disasters of the mid-90's — *gone*. Computer overlords, intelligent apes, conversations with dolphins — *gone*. A dozen alien invasions, visitations, and First Contacts — *gone*. Space hotels, colonies on Mars and Venus, blind poets of the spaceways — gone, all gone.

Soon, even the archetypal science fiction year — 2001 — belonged to the past rather than the future. Steadily, year by year, the glorious twenty-first century will be devoured.

Between the covers of this book, the real world is held at bay, and the dates of science fiction and fantasy are preserved. Here is a science-fiction event for every day of the year — and for quite a few days that *aren't* part of the year, also. Within these pages, you'll find events from classic stories, books, comics, TV shows, and movies, all arranged in a day-by-day format. When possible, publication or production dates are included so you can place each vision in its historic context. I've included an occasional date from the real world, when it is significant to science fiction (July 20, 1969 is an obvious example).

Here you'll also find months from worlds that have no relation to our own, plus a list of alien and alternate names for the days of our lives.

For those who are not familiar with the details or terminology of various alternative calendar schemes (for example, intercalary days), I've also included a short appendix on calendars and calendar reform.

Here you'll find new things to read and see...and I hope you'll run across some old friends, too.

Enjoy!

Don Sakers Meerkat Meade, July 2003

PLEASE NOTE: All years are Common Era (also known as A.D.), unless otherwise indicated.

Year Day

(annually): Intercalary day before January 1 (*The Leaves of October* by Don Sakers, 1988)

January

The first division of the year is also known as: Afteryule (Shire) (Lord of the Rings, J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954) Ardidan (Iomard) (The Drums of Chaos series by Jo Clayton, 1998) Areion (Astreiant Solar) (Points series by Lisa A. Barnett and Melissa Scott) Belyuth (Krypton) (*World of Krypton*, DC Comics, 1979) Chree (Tau Ceti Two, Don Sakers) Cyntamis (Glandair) (The Drums of Chaos series) **Enero** (Borshall) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers) **Frery** (Bree) (Lord of the Rings) Ianos (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series) Janne (Hanoverian) (Henry Martyn and Bretta Martyn, L. Neil Smith, 1989, 1997) **Just Moone** (Astreiant Lunar) (Points series) Muharram (Islamic Calendar) Narvinyë (Quenya) (Lord of the Rings) Narwain (Sindarin) (Lord of the Rings) **Pop** (Mayan Calendar) Primus (Oldskyan) (Henry Martyn and Bretta Martyn) **Roubboong** (Bioregional Calendar) Sagittarius (Mars) (Darian Calendar) **Taisham** (*The Wheel of Time*, Robert Jordan) Taurus (Mars) (Woods Calendar) Tishri (Hebrew Calendar) Trav (Mars) ("Omnilingual" by H. Beam Piper, 1957) **Unity** (*Dayworld*, Philip José Farmer, 1985) Yanuar (Credix) (Scattered Worlds series) Yeenvahr (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series)

January

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Sunday

(annually): Illuminati Verwirrung (Season of Chaos)
commences (<i>Leviathan</i> by Robert Shea and Robert Anton
Wilson, 1975)
1776: Benedict Arnold killed during attempted storming of
Quebec ("He Walked Around the Horses" by H. Beam
Piper, 1948)
1885: Emmet L. Brown arrives in Hill Valley, CA from 1955
(<i>Back to the Future II,</i> 1989)
1890: Jane Porter (Tarzan's Jane) born (<i>Tarzan Alive</i> by Philip
José Farmer, 1972)
1902: Carol (Santa Carolita) Smith born (To Sail Beyond the
Sunset by Robert A. Heinlein, 1987)
1957: Last Trump and Resurrection Day ("The Last Trump" by
Isaac Asimov, 1955)
2100: Julian 9th born in Chicago (<i>The Moon Men</i> by Edgar
Rice Burroughs, 1925)
2353: Merchanters meet in deep space to form the Alliance
(Downbelow Station by C.J. Cherryh, 1981)
2988: Glorith of Baaldur destroys the planet Daxam (Legion of
Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

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Monday

- 1920 : Isaac Asimov born (official date).
- 2362: A stellarcast discusses the 100th anniversary of the Interstellar Alliance. Delenn appears to refute the historians' opinions of Sheridan (*Babylon 5,* 1994-98)
- 2762: Start of the Great Burn, a war which renders the surface of the Earth nearly uninhabitable. (*Babylon 5*, 1994-98)

Tuesday

1892: J.R.R. Tolkien born

- 2257: Babylon 5 is dedicated by President Santiago (*Babylon 5,* 1994-98)
- 2982: Dawnstar joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

Wednesday

2121: Miranda Horne born ("The Patchwork Girl" by Larry Niven, 1980)

Thursday

598: Time traveler Henry Hassel kills Mohommed. ("The Men Who Murdered Mohammed" by Alfred Bester, 1959)

Friday

2164: Nicole des Jardins born (*Garden of Rama* by Arthur C. Clarke and Gentry Lee, 1991)

2973: Legion of Super-Heroes founded (DC Comics)

Saturday

2065: Rand Porter is interrupted at work (*Starmind* by Spider & Jeanne Robinson, 1995)

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January

Solday

- 2026: Crew of the spaceship *Barsoom* become the first Earthmen to walk on the Moon (*The Moon Maid* by Edgar Rice Burroughs, 1923)
- 2258: John Sheridan is assigned to Babylon 5 (*Babylon 5,* 1994-98)

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Terraday

- 1956: Two police officers find a revolver in Central Park. Gun is locked in police safe ("I'm Scared" by Jack Finney, 1957)
- 2219: Simeon Krug's tower reaches 940 meters (*Tower of Glass* by Robert Silverberg, 1970)
- 2353: Alliance takes Pell Station (*Downbelow Station* by C.J. Cherryh, 1981)

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Starday

1956: A man is shot and killed in Central Park. Ballistic tests prove that the gun is the same one found on the previous day, which is *still* locked in the safe ("I'm Scared" by Jack Finney, 1957)

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Dies Solis

2964: Andrew Nolan (Ferro Lad of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

^{2353:} The Fleet attempts to destroy Pell Station. *Norway* deserts (*Downbelow Station* by C.J. Cherryh, 1981)

Airday

1997: Birth of HAL 9000 in Urbana, Illinois (2001: A Space Odyssey [book] by Arthur C. Clarke, 1968)
2406: Ariane Emory II born (Cyteen by C.J. Cherryh, 1988)
2962: Brin Londo (Timber Wolf of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

Aldëa

3019 (Third Age): Company of the Ring enters Moria (*Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien, 1954)

Dies Terrae

1914: Henry Ford inaugurates the assembly line

Dies Jovis

3019 (Third Age): Battle at the Bridge of Khazad-Dûm (*Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien, 1954)

2219: Simeon Krug's tower reaches 1,000 meters (*Tower of Glass* by Robert Silverberg, 1970)

Dies Veneris

1920: First large-scale sociological experiment in the U.S.: Prohibition begins.

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January

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Elenya

2050: Paul Kingsley Durham moved to Aritifical Intelligence Division of Gryphon Company (*Permutation City* by Greg Egan, 1994)

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Anarya

2065: Rhea Paixao keeps a promise to her husband (*Starmind* by Spider & Jeanne Robinson, 1995)

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Isilya

2065: Hidalgo Rodriguez gets a new house (*Starmind* by Spider & Jeanne Robinson, 1995)

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Aldúya

2065: Solar Flare Alert aboard the Shimizu Hotel (*Starmind* by Spider & Jeanne Robinson, 1995)

Menelya

1966: Walter Child receives a second notice from the Treasure Book Club ("Computers Don't Argue" by Gordon R. Dickson, 1965)

Eärenya

(year not given): Operations of Rearden Steel are suspended (Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand, 1957)

Orbelain

2959: Querl Dox (Brainiac 5 of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

Sunnendei

1956: Daniel Eakins born (The Man Who Folded Himself by David Gerrold, 1973)

Demesday

1915: Transcontinental telephone service begins

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January

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Waterday

(year not given): People's State of Guatemala declines United States request for a loan of one thousand tons of steel (*Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand, 1957)

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Hevensday

1967: Fire aboard Apollo 1 kills Gus Grissom, Ed White, and Roger Chaffee

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Ormenel

January 28, 2956: Gim Allon (Colossal Boy of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)



Rodyn

2209: Katie Wakefield goes missing in Rama (*Garden of Rama* by Arthur C. Clarke and Gentry Lee, 1991)

January

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- 2219: Simeon Krug's tower reaches 1,165 meters (*Tower of Glass* by Robert Silverberg, 1970)
- 2979: Timber Wolf and Chemical King join the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

Dies Phobotis

30

2002: Colonel Zipp's third interrogation of the alien Flash ("Invaders" by John Kessel, 1990)

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(annually): Second day of the Feast of Lights (*The Wheel* of *Time* by Robert Jordan)

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(annually): High Chasaline (aka The Day of Reflection) (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

Tishri

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5487 (Hebrew Calendar): David Brandon visits the Third Temple in Jerusalem ("Day of Atonement" by L. Neil Schulman, 1997)

February

The second division of the year is also known as:

Ailmis (Glandair) (The Drums of Chaos series, Jo Clayton, 1998) Dhanasu (Mars) (Darian Calendar) Febbe (Hanoverian) (Henry Martyn and Bretta Martyn, L. Neil Smith, 1989, 1997) Febrero (Borshall) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers) **Febuar** (Credix) (Scattered Worlds series) Fyeevahr (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series) **Gikial** (Bioregional Calendar) Hayla (Tau Ceti Two, Don Sakers) Heshvan (Hebrew Calendar) Harvest Moone (Astreiant Lunar) (Points series, Lisa A. Barnett & Melissa Scott) Jumara (The Wheel of Time, Robert Jordan) Nénimë (Quenya) (Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954) Nínui (Sindarin) (Lord of the Rings) Ogtal (Krypton) (World of Krypton, DC Comics, 1979) **Orion** (Mars) (Woods Calendar) Safar (Islamic Calendar) Sanv (Mars) ("Omnilingual" by H. Beam Piper, 1957) Secundus (Oldskyan) (Henry Martyn and Bretta Martyn) **Solmath** (The Shire & Bree) (*Lord of the Rings*) **Stateon** (Astreiant Solar) (*Points* series) Uo (Mayan Calendar) Variety (Dayworld, Philip José Farmer, 1985) Vrebarii (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series)

February

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Sunday

2986: Polar Boy, Tellus, Quislet, Magnetic Kid, and Sensor Girl join the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

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Monday

917: King Cinhil dies and is succeeded by his son, Alroy (*Camber the Heretic* by Katherine Kurtz, 1981)

1976: Otis Eldredge dies ("Trends" by Isaac Asimov, 1939)

3

Tuesday

2125: Second Freezer Bill passed by Security Council ("The Defenseless Dead" by Larry Niven)

2984: White Witch joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

4

Wednesday

2209: Richard Wakefield is found (*Garden of Rama* by Arthur C. Clarke and Gentry Lee, 1991)

Thursday

February 5, 2963: Tasmia Mallor (Shadow Lass of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

Friday

1970: Roger Martinez eats 225 goldfish, setting a new record ("Achievements" by David Wise, 1975)

Saturday

2203: Maggie Tufu agrees to join the Beta Pacifica expedition (*The Engines of God* by Jack McDevitt, 1994)

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1828: Jules Verne born2958: Tenzil Kem (Matter-Eater Lad of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

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February

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Anarya

1849: Sam Garrison arrives in Washington for a conference with President Atchison ("How the South Preserved the Union" by Ralph Roberts, 1992)

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Isilya

- 2982: Chemical King dies (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)
- 2991: Atmos and Karate Kid II join the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

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Aldúya

- 1868: The *Nautilus* enters the Mediterranean through the Arabian Tunnel (*20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne, 1870)
- 2958: Rokk Krinn (Cosmic Boy of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

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Menelya

2968: Ganglios (Tellus of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

Tárion

1867: Johann Strauss conducts "The Blue Danube" waltz in public for the first time. A century later, the music is used in *2001: A Space Odyssey*

Valanya

- 1907: George Edward Smith born (*To Sail Beyond the Sunset* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1987)
- 1979: Dylan Hunt appointed Project Leader of the Ganymede project (*Genesis II*, 1973)
- 2192: Magnitude 8.2 earthquake hits Los Angeles (*Garden of Rama* by Arthur C. Clarke and Gentry Lee, 1991)
- mid-February, 304 (New Time): Davy born (*Davy* by Edgar Pangborn, 1964)

Sunnendei

(year not given): Taggart Transcontinental Railroad Board of Directors vote to shut down the Rio Norte line (*Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand, 1957)

2301: Ben Reich awakens with a scream (*The Demolished Man* by Alfred Bester, 1951)

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February

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Monendei

2203: Beta Pacifica expedition leaves Earth (*The Engines of God* by Jack McDevitt, 1994)

17

Trewesdei

- (year not given): Tollan Bailey leaves Earth for a survey mission on the planet Nor'Dyren (*Assignment Nor'Dyren* by Sydney van Scyoc, 1973)
- 1951: U.S. President dies in a plane crash ("Solution Unsatisfactory" by Robert A. Heinlein, 1940)

18

Hevenesdei

1868: The *Nautilus* reaches the Straits of Gibraltar (*20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne, 1870)

19

Meresdei

2052: Elaine Metro born ("To Tell At a Glance" by Isaac Asimov, 1983)

2184: Teal Ray Stewart meets Johnny Fox (*Sovereign* by R. M. Meluch, 1979)

Highdei

2141: Brandenburg tax officials begin proceedings to size the Eberhardt's property (*Bright Messengers* by Gentry Lee, 1995)

Sterrendei

- 1953: Hank and Maggie Marvell's baby is born ("That Only A Mother" by Judith Merrill, 1948)
- 2004: The ocean claims Ethel Endicott Cobb's ground floor ("Dying in Hull" by David Alexander Smith, 1994)
- 2959: Jo Nah (Ultra Boy of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

Septday

2003: U.S. President L. Aloysius Wren announces a mission to observe the Russian Project Sinuhe at close range (*Fellow Traveler* by William Barton and Michael Capobianco, 1991)

Octday

2000: Terrorist bombings derail international effort to launch rockets at Millennium fragments on a collision course with Earth (*Final Impact* by Yvonne Navarro, 1997)

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February

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Novaday

2958: Dirk Morgna (Sun Boy of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

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Kiriakos

2065: Rand Porter visits Top Step (*Starmind* by Spider & Jeanne Robinson, 1995)

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Defteros

2076: Elaine Metro uncovers an spy from Earth ("To Tell At a Glance" by Isaac Asimov, 1983)

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Tritios

2025: Earthquake of magnitude 8.5 hits in Memphis, Tennessee, causing widespread destruction through the Midwest. Death toll is three million, damage in hundreds of billions of dollars (*Richter 10* by Arthur C. Clarke and Mike McQuay, 1996)

3863: Captain Sirdir Bey of the Magellan issues a memo clarifying Earth/Thalassan calendars (*The Songs of Distant Earth* [novel] by Arthur C. Clarke, 1986)

February

Terartos

1966: Walter Child receives a dunning letter from Federal Collection Outfit ("Computers Don't Argue" by Gordon R. Dickson, 1965)

Pemptos

(year not given): Celebrated as the birthday of Superman (DC Comics)

2988: Shadow Lass and Mon-El marry (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

Paraskevos

2031: Alwyn Stafford sets out from Hellas Base (Mars Underground by William K. Hartmann, 1997)

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Jumara

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(annually): Chansein festival (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

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Jumara 9 (annually): Feast of Abram (<u>The Wheel of Time</u> by Robert Jordan)

Ogtal

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9995: First test-flight of Jor-El's antigravity spaceship (*World* of Krypton, DC Comics, 1979)

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9998: City of Kandor is stolen by Brainiac (*World of Krypton,* DC Comics, 1979)

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10,000: Planet Krypton explodes (*World of Krypton*, DC Comics, 1979)

March

The third division of the year is also known as:

Antram (Iomard) (The Drums of Chaos series by Jo Clayton, 1998) **Capricornus** (Mars) (Darian Calendar) **Charwiosna** (Bioregional Calendar) **Ebriles** (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers) Gemini (Mars) (Woods Calendar) Gwaeron (Sindarin) (Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954) Joy (Dayworld by Philip José Farmer, 1985) **Kislev** (Hebrew Calendar) **Krav** (Mars) ("Omnilingual" by H. Beam Piper, 1957) Marre (Hanoverian) (Henry Martyn and Bretta Martyn by L. Neil Smith, 1989, 1997) Marz (Credix) (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series) Marzo (Borshall) (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series) Metera (Astreiant Solar) (Points series by Lisa A. Barnett and Melissa Scott) Mir (*Tau Ceti Two* by Don Sakers) Norzec (Krypton) (World of Krypton, DC Comics, 1979) Pedarmis (Glandair) (The Drums of Chaos series by Jo Clayton, 1998) **Rabi I** (Islamic Calendar) **Rethe** (the Shire & Bree) (Lord of the Rings) Saban (The Wheel of Time by Robert Jordan) Súlimë (Quenya) (Lord of the Rings) **Tertius** (Oldskyan) (*Henry Martyn* and *Bretta Martyn*) Vyeesyahbr (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series) Wine Moone (Astreiant Lunar) (Points series) Zíp (Mayan Calendar)

March

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Sunday

1541 (Shire Reckoning)/120 (Fourth Age): King Elessar of Gondor dies (*Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954)

2

Monday

2006: Jamie Rosen born (*The Jericho Iteration* by Allen Steele,1994)

3	Tuesday

- 2031: Alwyn Stafford is found (*Mars Underground* by William K. Hartmann, 1997)2054: Clones Alvin, Bruce, Colin, and Desmond born (*Clone*)
- 2054: Clones Alvin, Bruce, Colin, and Desmond born (*Clone* by Richard Cowper, 1972)
- 2973: Phantom Girl and Triplicate Girl join the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)
- 3585: Owen Fletcher born (*The Songs of Distant Earth* [novel] by Arthur C. Clarke, 1986)

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Wednesday

1866: John Carter first arrives on Barsoom (Mars) (*A Princess of Mars* by Edgar Rice Burroughs, 1912)

1886: John Carter "dies" and returns to Barsoon (Mars) (*A Princess of Mars* by Edgar Rice Burroughs, 1912)

5

Thursday

2001: Daniel Boone Davis gets a job at Hired Girl, Inc. (*The Door into Summer* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1957)

2975: Element Lad joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

Friday

March 6 (year not given): Pyramid builders begin arriving in Egypt (*Shiva Descending* by Gregory Benford and William Rotsler, 1980)

Saturday

2208: Patrick Erin O'Toole born (*Garden of Rama* by Arthur C. Clarke and Gentry Lee, 1991)

Senkyeh

2011: Covert international organization known as "The Nexus" founded (*Dance for the Ivory Madonna*, Don Sakers, 2002)

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March

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Mahnyeh

1783: Frankenstein's creature meets with Benajmin Franklin in Paris (*The Frankenstein Papers* by Fred Saberhagen, 1986)
1993: Sybille Klein arrives in Zanzibar ("Born With the Dead" by Robert Silverberg, 1974)

10

Tarehyeh

1939: Simon Tregarth enlists in the US Army (*Wizard's Worlds* by Andre Norton, 1989)

11

Vrenzyeh

1942: Si Morley born (*Time and Again* by Jack Finney, 1970)1992: Pioneer 10 picks up a mysterious spike of radiation from outside the Solar System ("Tricentennial" by Joe Haldeman, 1977)

2973: Emperor Nendez XII of Baaldur dies; he is succeeded by Empress Glorith, his wife of 17 days (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

Geletyeh

- 1905: Brian Smith Jr. born (*To Sail Beyond the Sunset* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1987)
 1972: Paul Macy horn (*The Second Trip* by Pohert Silverh
- 1972: Paul Macy born (*The Second Trip* by Robert Silverberg, 1972)
- 1997: Birth of HAL 9000 in Urbana, Illinois (2001: A Space Odyssey [movie], 1968)
- 2323: Corazon Salazar dies (Heavy Time by C.J. Cherryh, 1991)
- 2975: Lightning Lass joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

Soobtayeh

3019 (Third Age): Frodo attacked by Shelob (*Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien, 1954)

Prahznyeh

2082: Orbiting habitat Jacob's Ladder impacts in Indian Ocean (*Worlds* by Joe Haldeman, 1981)

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March

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Sunday

(annually): Illuminati Zweitracht (Season of Discord) commences (*Leviathan* by Robert Shea and Robert Anton Wilson, 1975)

1973: George McFly murdered (Back to the Future II, 1989)

2028: Granville James Corbin dies (*First Citizen* by Thomas T. Thomas, 1987)

2992: Storm Boy joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

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Demesday

2085: War kills about one-third of Earth's population (*Worlds* by Joe Haldeman, 1981)

17

Tonsday

2990: Nightwind joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

18

Seiday

2074 Emily Thompson arrested (*The Night Watch* by Sean Stewart, 1997)

19

Reasday

1868: The Nautilus surfaces in open water at the South Pole (20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne, 1870) 1928: Number 6 born (The Prisoner, 1968-69)

Homesday

(year not given): Six Month War begins ("Oddy and Id" by Alfred Bester, 1950)

Sunday

1868: Captain Nemo claims possession of Antarctica (20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne, 1870) 2123: The Chamberses are kidnapped ("The Defenseless Dead" by Larry Niven)

Airday

2233: James Tiberius Kirk born (Star Trek Chronology by Michael and Denise Okuda, 1993)



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Waterday

2008: Gaby McAslan arrives in Nairobi (*Evolution's Shore* by Ian McDonald, 1995)

24

Grounday

2002: George Orr dreams up a solution to the overpopulation problem (*The Lathe of Heaven* by Ursula K. LeGuin, 1971)

25

Ormenel

2180: Gazpacho Soup Day (*Red Dwarf*, 1991)
3019 (Third Age): Destruction of the One Ring. Downfall of Barad-dûr and passing of Sauron. (*Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien, 1954)

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Rodyn

1997: The Glimmering: Ecological catastrophe caused by a solar flare, combined with methane release from Antarctic earthquake and bromotetrachloride in the ozone layer (*The Glimmering* by Elizabeth Hand,1997)

27

2052: United Nations votes down both U.S. and Chinese proposals for establishing Mars colony ("Deadlock" by Robert Silverberg, 1958)

Sunday

Sadday

1797: Technology begins to affect everyday life: patent granted to Nathaniel Briggs for a washing machine

Monoday

2003: The Hundred Lost Days end (*First Citizen* by Thomas T. Thomas, 1987)

Trewsday

- 2002: Heather Lelache is stood up by George Orr, and goes searching for him (*The Lathe of Heaven* by Ursula K. LeGuin, 1971)
- 2654: Ran Raxler completes his four weeks of service in the production pits ("The Dwindling Sphere" by Willard Hawkins, 1940)

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Waterday

1966: Luna 10 launched; first artificial satellite to orbit the Moon

Kislev

24

165 B.C.E.: Matty Simon arrives at the Second Temple in Jerusalem ("Go Toward the Light" by Harlan Ellison, 1994)

9979: Jor-El of Krypton (father of Superman) born (*World of Krypton*, DC Comics, 1979)

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9994: Jor-El graduates from learning center (*World of Krypton*, DC Comics, 1979)

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9994: Jor-El and Lara Lor-Van (Superman's parents) meet (*World of Krypton*, DC Comics, 1979)

Walpurgis

(annually): Intercalary day between March and April (*The Leaves of October* by Don Sakers, 1988)

The fourth division of the year is also known as:

Abrilo (Borshall) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers) **Aine** (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan) Aprul (Credix) (Scattered Worlds series) Astron (the Shire) (Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954)**Canta** (*Tau Ceti Two* by Don Sakers) Chithing (Bree) (Lord of the Rings) **Cock Moone** (Astreiant Lunar) (Points series by Lisa A. Barnett and Melissa Scott) **Galeneon** (Astreiant Solar) (Points series) Gomnookig (Bioregional Calendar) **Gwirith** (Sindarin) (Lord of the Rings) Hope (*Dayworld* by Philip José Farmer, 1985) **Irsse** (Hanoverian) (*Henry Martyn* and *Bretta Martyn* by L. Neil Smith, 1989, 1997) Mahrt (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series) Makara (Mars) (Darian Calendar) Mitos (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series) **Monoceros** (Mars) (Woods Calendar) **Pendarmis** (Glandair) (*The Drums of Chaos* series by Jo Clayton, 1998) Quintus (Oldskyan) (Henry Martyn and Bretta Martyn) Rabi II (Islamic Calendar) **Tebet** (Hebrew Calendar) Trairin (Iomard) (The Drums of Chaos series) Ullhah (Krypton) (World of Krypton, DC Comics, 1979) Víressë (Quenya) (Lord of the Rings) Zotz (Mayan Calendar)

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Sunday

1926: Anne McCaffrey born1938: George McFly born (*Back to the Future II*, 1989)2974: Ultra Boy joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)



Monday

1482: Barry Pennywither arrives in Paris from 1961 ("April in Paris" by Ursula K. LeGuin, 1962)

1961: Barry Pennywither travels back in time to 1482 ("April in Paris" by Ursula K. LeGuin, 1962)

3

Tuesday

(year not given): Age of Kali ends. Virtually all life on earth wiped out by enhanced *Yersinia entercolitica* pandemic (*Kalki* by Gore Vidal, 1978)

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Wednesday

1984: Winston Smith starts his diary (*1984* by George Orwell, 1949)

2177: John Stranger is drafted (*High Steel* by Jack C. Haldeman II and Jack Dann, 1993)

Thursday

- 1909: Marie Agnes Smith born (*To Sail Beyond the Sunset* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1987)
- 2063: First Contact between Vulcans and Humans (*Star Trek: First Contact,* 1996)
- 2959: Chuck Taine (Bouncing Boy of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

Friday

(annually): Celebrated in the Shire as Sam Gamgee's birthday (*The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954)
1937: Academic Credit Union incorporated in Paris (*Paris in the Twentieth Century* by Jules Verne, 1997)
1992: Isaac Asimov dies.

Saturday

- 2155: Earth's First Contact with the Centauri (*Babylon 5,* 1994-98)
- 2984: Colossal Boy and Yera marry (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

8 Solday (year not given): Drone Huey wins a poker game (*Silent Running* by Harlan Thompson, 1972)

1941: Ira Johnson rescued *(To Sail Beyond the Sunset* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1987)

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Terraday

2342: In Cafe des Artistes, Paris, a woman named Jenice is stood up by Jean-Luc Picard (*Star Trek Chronology* by Michael and Denise Okuda, 1993)

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Starday

1998: 29th Amendment (abolishment of the Income Tax) ratified (*First Citizen* by Thomas T. Thomas, 1987)
2017: Relicant Leon Kowalski born (*Bladerunner: Replicant Night* by K.W. Jeter, 1996)

^{2260:} President Clark declares Martial Law (*Babylon 5,* 1994-98)

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Sunnendei

2995: Luna destroyed (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

Monendei

- 2061: Lunar Colony established (*Babylon 5,* 1994-98)
- 2117: Hanshaw family's Door (teleporter) breaks down ("It's Such a Beautiful Day" by Isaac Asimov, 1954)
- 2161: Psi Corps established (*Babylon 5,* 1994-98)
- 2283: Ariane Emory senior born (Cyteen by C.J. Cherryh, 1988)
- 2966: Dawnstar born (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

Trewesdei

- 2260: President Clark orders the bombardment of the Mars Colony. Babylon 5, along with the Human colonies on Orion VII and Proxima III, declares independence from the Earth Alliance (*Babylon 5*, 1994-98)
- 2995: Dacey and Doritt Ranzz born (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

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Hevenesdei

- 1912: Kellogg ("Doc") Jones arrives on the *Titanic* from 1990. Marjorie Thiel arrives on the *Titanic* from 1972. (*Laying the Music to Rest* by Dean Wesley Smith, 1989)
- 1942: Jack Havig foresees his father's death (*There Will Be Time* by Poul Anderson, 1972)
- 1956: Spaceship from Venus lands in Twin Gulch, Idaho ("The Watery Place" by IsaacAsimov, 1956)
- 1998: Glyn Weston tests Schweil-McAndrew time machine. ("Seeker of Tomorrow" by Eric Frank Russell and Leslie T. Johnson, 1937)
- 2003: 30th Amendment (Succession upon simultaneous incapacity of President and Vice President) sent to states by the 108th Congress (*First Citizen* by Thomas T. Thomas, 1987)

2990: Impulse joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

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Meresdei

2012: Glomar Explorer drops a wreath at the Titanic's resting place, on the centennial of the Titanic disaster (The Ghost From the Grand Banks by Arthur C. Clarke, 1990)
2262: Titanic is raised (Imperial Earth by Arthur C. Clarke, 1976)

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Highdei

2011: Gordon Krantz completes negotiations for postal service through Cottage Grove, Oregon (*The Postman* by David Brin, 1985)

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Sterrendei

2013: Gerry Rosen meets Ruby Fulcrum (The Jericho Iteration by Allen Steele, 1994)

Elenya

(year not given): U.S. President Jim Mayfield signs Ballistic Missile Defense treaty with U.S.S.R. (David's Sling by Marc Stiegler, 1988)

(the following year): Soviet Union begins invasion of West Germany. U.S. President Jim Mayfield dies, is succeeded by Nell Carson (*David's Sling* by Marc Stiegler, 1988)

Anarya

2013: Final assembly of Sentinel I completed in Earth orbit (The Jericho Iteration by Allen Steele, 1994)

Isilya

2009: First ERIS camps set up to contain victims of V-CIDS virus (The Immortals by Tracy Hickman, 1996)

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Aldúya

2003: Krel ambassador makes a deal with Jason Prescott ("Invaders" by John Kessel, 1990)

- 2004: Colin Francis MacIntyre born (*Heirs of Empire* by David Weber, 1996)
- 2957: Tinya Wazzo (Phantom Girl of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

22

Menelya

- 2004: Jack Burroughs is expelled from school and fired from his research assistant post (*Headcrash* by Bruce Bethke, 1995)
- 2117: Cubes Forsythe dies ("Death by Ecstasy" by Larry Niven)

23

Valanya

2431: Dianne Steiger and Gerald MacDougal argue over the nature of the Charonians (*The Shattered Sphere* by Roger MacBride Allen, 1994)

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Tárion

2033: Mars Five mission departs Earth (*Encounter With Tiber* by Buzz Aldrin and John Barnes, 1996)

Orgilion

1945: Delegates of 46 nations meet in San Francisco to organize the United Nations (often appears in SF stories as the first world government)

Oranor

2076: Marius Thorndyke & Tomas Mnaba arrive on the planet Pe-Ellia (The Eyes of the Queen by Phillip Mann, 1983)

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2001: Daniel Boone Davis revived from Cold Sleep (The Door into Summer by Robert A. Heinlein, 1957)

Orgaladhad

1957: Joseph McCarthy admitted to Naval Medical Center at Bethesda (Wild Cards edited by George R.R. Martin, 1987) 2012: Gordon Krantz sets off for California (The Postman by David Brin, 1985)

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Ormenel

1966: Walter Child receives a dunning letter from Maloney, Maloney, McNamara and Pruitt ("Computers Don't Argue" by Gordon R. Dickson, 1965)

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Orbelain

2001: Heywood Floyd files objections to certain aspects of the *Discovery* mission (*2010: Odyssey Two* by Arthur C. Clarke, 1982)

2002: Spaceship *Raduga* launched from Baikonur (*Fellow Traveler* by William Barton and Michael Capobianco, 1991)

2995: Earthgov President Tayla Wellington assassinated (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

Ullah

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9997: Jor-El and Lara Lor-Van (Superman's parents) married (*World of Krypton*, DC Comics, 1979)

May

The fifth division of the year is also known as:

Adar (The Wheel of Time by Robert Jordan) Ahpryehl (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers) Aquarius (Mars) (Darian Calendar) Cancer (Mars) (Woods Calendar) Cat Moone (Astreiant Lunar) (Points series by Lisa A. Barnett and Melissa Scott) **Comradeship** (*Dayworld* by Philip José Farmer, 1985) Cuggos (Iomard) (The Drums of Chaos series by Jo Clayton, 1998) **Deia** (*Tau Ceti Two* by Don Sakers) **Doma** (Mars) ("Omnilingual" by H. Beam Piper, 1957) **Eonos** (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series) Eorx (Krypton) (World of Krypton, DC Comics, 1979) **Jumada I** (Islamic Calendar) Lótessë (Quenya) (Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954)Lothron (Sindarin) (Lord of the Rings) Mai (Credix) (Scattered Worlds series) March (Mars) (*Red Planet* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1949) Mayo (Borshall) (Scattered Worlds series) Mayye (Hanoverian) (Henry Martyn and Bretta Martyn y L. Neil Smith, 1989, 1997) **Niizhbom** (Bioregional Calendar) Octavus (Oldskyan) (Henry Martyn and Bretta Martyn) **Pumanis** (Glandair) (*The Drums of Chaos* series) Serpens (Astreiant Solar) (Points series) Shebat (Hebrew Calendar) **Thrimidge** (the Shire & Bree) (Lord of the Rings) **Tzec** (Mayan Calendar)

Sunday

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(year not given): Directive 10-289 goes into effect (<i>Atlas</i>
<i>Shrugged</i> by Ayn Rand, 1957)
(year not given): First Smart Weapons deployed in Europe
(<i>David's Sling</i> by Marc Stiegler, 1988)
1776: Bavarian Illuminati founded by Adam Weishaupt
(The Eye in the Pyramid by Robert Shea and Robert
Anton Wilson, 1975)
1970: Wandering Sickness pandemic delcared over;
civilization begins to rebuild (Things to Come, 1936)
2001: Frederica Virginia Heinicke revived from Cold Sleep
(The Door into Summer by Robert A. Heinlein, 1957)
2188: West Coast secedes from the USA (Friday by Robert
A. Heinlein, 1982)
2473: The Barrier is created, preventing time travel to
subsequent eras ("The Barrier" by Anthony Boucher,
1942)
3019 (Third Age): Crowning of King Elessar of Gondor
(Lord of the Rings by J. R. R. Tolkien, 1954)

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Monday

1900: Purported birth date of Clarence Aloysius Gaffney
("The Gnarly Man" by L. Sprague de Camp, 1939)
1957: Joseph McCarthy dies (Wild Cards edited by George
R.R. Martin, 1987)
2995: Pol Jath Krinn born (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC
Comics)

Tuesday

- (year not given): Oddy Gaul assigned to Intelligence during the Six Month War ("Oddy and Id" by Alfred Bester, 1950)
- 1970: Daniel Boone Davis arrives from May, 2001 (*The Door into Summer* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1957)
- 2010: Opening of *Stand on Zanzibar* by John Brunner (1968)
- 2218: Jeffrey David Sinclair born on Mars Colony (*Babylon 5,* 1994-98)

Wednesday

May the Fourth be with You (*Star Wars*, 1977)
1908: Nathaniel Wingate Peaslee develops amnesia ("The Shadow Out of Time" by H.P. Lovecraft)
2002: Spaceship Molotchek departs Earth orbit for rendezvous with Asteroid Sinuhe (*Fellow Traveler* by William Barton and Michael Capobianco, 1991)

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Thursday

- 1940: Jim Latimer arrives in a Kirschner curve-field time machine from February, 1936. ("The Time Decelerator" by A. Macfadyen, Jr., 1936)
- 1970: Hardhat, Lizard King, and Radical fight in People's Park, San Francisco (*Wild Cards* edited by George R.R. Martin, 1987)
- 2352: *ECS Norway* arrives at Pell Station with refugees from Mariner and Russel's (*Downbelow Station* by C.J. Cherryh, 1981)
- 2965: Condo Arlik (Chemical King of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

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Frisday

1992: Austin Tucker refuses to fight a fellow prisoner named Ahmed (*Blood Brothers* by Steven Barnes, 1996)

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Saturday

1890: E.E. "Doc" Smith born2010: First temporal war ("Hot Potato" by Burt K. Filer, 1971)

May

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Senkyeh

(year not given): Day of the Triffids (Day of the Triffids by John Wyndham, 1951)

1988: Robert A. Heinlein dies.

2003: Asteroid Sinuhe Minor hits southern France (Fellow Traveler by William Barton and Michael Capobianco, 1991)

Mahnyeh

2003: Paul Mueller loses parts of his past ("How It Was When the Past Went Away" by Robert Silverberg) 2190: Fiyatil confirms that he is the only human being alive on Earth ("The Custodian" by William Tenn, 1953)

Tarehyeh

1869: Golden spike driven at Promontory Point, Utah; first transcontinental railroad in the U.S. completed. Event is witnessed by uncounted numbers of sightseeing time-travelers from the future

Vrenzveh

2110: Yasin al-Kharif born (Bright Messengers by Gentry Lee, 1995)

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Sunneday

2012: Shadrach Mordecai performs liver transplant on Genghis II Mao IV Khan (*Shadrach in the Furnace* by Robert Silverberg, 1976)

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Monoday

1992: Austin Tucker and Derek Waites arrive in Los Angeles (*Blood Brothers* by Steven Barnes, 1996)

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Twosday

(year not given): Earth terminates forest conservation
project and orders all forest domes destroyed (Silent
Running by Harlan Thompson, 1972)
62 (Current Cycle): Astronomers on the planet Inari sight a
fleet of ships approaching at just under lightspeed
(Lightyears, 1997)
2033: James Harker meets with Monsignor Carteret
(Recalled To Life by Robert Silverberg, 1972)
2075: Free Luna conspiracy begins in Room L of Raffles
Hotel, Luna City (<i>The Moon is a Harsh Mistress</i> by
Robert A. Heinlein, 1966)

Windsday

- 1952: Johanna Smith born (*I Will Fear No Evil* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1970)
- 2005: Melinda B. Sharp named Manager of Management and Information Services for Monolithic Diversified Enterprises (*Headcrash* by Bruce Bethke, 1995)
- 2054: Jeff Hawkings born (*Worlds Apart* by Joe Haldeman, 1983)

Thirstday

- 1975: Uncle Jim's last visit to Daniel Eakins (*The Man Who Folded Himself* by David Gerrold, 1973)2011: First baby born on the Moon (Valentina Markova)
 - (Welcome to Moonbase by Ben Bova, 1987)

Freeday

- 2012: Earthquake magnitude 7.5 hits St. Louis (*The Jericho Iteration* by Allen Steele,1994)
- 2014: Penylle Norton born (*Dance for the Ivory Madonna*, Don Sakers, 2002)
- 2157: Tommy finds a book about school in the old days ("The Fun They Had" by Isaac Asimov, 1957)
- 2190: Fiyatil discovers that he is not the last human being alive on Earth, after all ("The Custodian" by William Tenn, 1953)

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May

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Sadday

(year not given): Pilot model of De-Farday Electric Company time machine is completed ("Such Interesting Neighbors" by Jack Finney, 1957)

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Septday

1937: Academic Credit Union approved by Imperial Decree (*Paris in the Twentieth Century* by Jules Verne, 1997)
1940: Rotterdam falls, Joris van Norreys dies (*The Sword Is Drawn* by Andre Norton, 1944)
2011: Gordon Krantz has an interview with Cyclops (*The Postman* by David Brin, 1985)
2995: Sun Boy dies (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)



Octday

2033: Astronaut Richard Bryant is cremated (*Recalled To Life* by Robert Silverberg, 1972)

Novaday

- 1956: John Smith born (Quad World by Robert A. Metzger, 1991)
- 1975: Daniel Eakins inherits his Uncle Jim's timebelt (The Man Who Folded Himself by David Gerrold, 1973) 2061: The Last Ouestion is asked for the first time ("The Last Question" by Isaac Asimov, 1956)

Dies Solis

2007: Glyn Weston arrives in a Schweil-McAndrew time machine from 1998. ("Seeker of Tomorrow" by Eric Frank Russell and Leslie T. Johnson, 1937) 2352: ECS Pacific arrives at Pell Station with refugees from Esperance (Downbelow Station by C.J. Cherryh, 1981)

Dies Phobotis

2004: George Griffin leaps from a mountain in Switzerland (Einstein's Bridge by John Cramer, 1997)

Dies Terrae

1975: Salyut 4 space station launched



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Dies Mercurii

(year not given): Meteors from the Shiva swam begin striking Earth (*Shiva Descending* by Gregory Benford and William Rotsler, 1980) 1977: *Star Wars* released

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Dies Jovis

(year not given): Funeral of Jan Evans (*David's Sling* by Marc Stiegler, 1988)

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Dies Veneris

- (annually): Illuminati Unordnung (Season of Confusion) commences (*Leviathan* by Robert Shea and Robert Anton Wilson, 1975)
- 1977: Colin Wood gets stuck in a time loop (*Quad World* by Robert A. Metzger, 1991)
- 1998: Genghis II Mao IV Khan becomes leader of China and, ultimately, the world (*Shadrach in the Furnace* by Robert Silverberg, 1976)

2992: Calamity King joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

Dies Saturni

(year not given): An Army Freight Special train collides with the Taggart Comet at Winston, Colorado, demolishing the Taggart Tunnel (*Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand, 1957)
1938: Bruce Kennedy invents the fuel battery ("The Battery of Hate" by John W. Campbell, Jr., 1933)
2109: Joshua Ali Quare awakens for the fourth time (*Kaleidoscope Century* by John Barnes, 1995)

- 2626: First expedition to Thalassa lands ("The Songs of Distant Earth"[short story] by Arthur C. Clarke, 1958)
- 2991: Reflecto, Echo, and Crystal Kid join the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

Kiriakos

- 2981: Bouncing Boy and Duo Damsel marry (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)
- 10,487: Treaty of eternal amity, signed at Latex, ends the Eighty Years' War ("The Dwindling Sphere" by Willard Hawkins, 1940)

Defteros

May 30, 1887: Julian West falls asleep until September 10, 2000 (*Looking Backward* by Edward Bellamy, 1887) May 30, 2974: Star Boy joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

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May

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Tritios

1966: Walter Child writes a letter to Samuel P. Grimes ("Computers Don't Argue" by Gordon R. Dickson, 1965)

Adar

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(annually): Feast of Neman (<u>The Wheel of Time</u> by Robert Jordan)

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(annually): Feast of Freia (<u>The Wheel of Time</u> by Robert Jordan)

9998: Kal-El of Krypton (Superman) born (*World of Krypton*, DC Comics, 1979)

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9999: Krypton's inhabited moon Wegthor is destroyed (*World of Krypton*, DC Comics, 1979)

Foolsreign

The five intercalary days between the months of Pumanis and Choomis (Glandair) (*The Drums of Chaos* series by Jo Clayton, 1998)

The sixth division of the year is also known as:

Adar (Hebrew Calendar) **Ceres** (Mars) (*Red Planet* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1949) Choomis (Glandair) (The Drums of Chaos series by Jo Clayton, 1998) **Decimus** (Oldskyan) (*Henry Martyn* and *Bretta Martyn* by L. Neil Smith, 1989, 1997) Dragon Moone (Astreiant Lunar) (Points series by Lisa A. Barnett and Melissa Scott) Forelithe (the Shire) (Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954)Hefralt (Krypton) (World of Krypton, DC Comics, 1979) Hydra (Mars) (Woods Calendar) **Jumada II** (Islamic Calendar) Juni (Credix) (Scattered Worlds series) **Junio** (Borshall) (Scattered Worlds series) Kumbaba (Mars) (Darian Calendar) Lithe (Bree) (Lord of the Rings) Love (*Dayworld* by Philip José Farmer, 1985) Migh (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series) Nárië (Quenya) (Lord of the Rings) Nórui (Sindarin) (Lord of the Rings) Saven (The Wheel of Time by Robert Jordan) Seyos (Iomard) (*The Drums of Chaos* series) **Storm** (Astreiant Solar) (Points series) **Sungspring** (Bioregional Calendar) **Trava** (*Tau Ceti Two* by Don Sakers) Xul (Mayan Calendar) **Yolos** (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series)

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Sunday

1916: Explorer Cogdon Nestor writes to Edgar Rice Burroughs of the discovery of a telegraph set in the desert. (*Pellucidar* by Edgar Rice Burroughs, 1923)
1966: Dr. Bruce C. Heezen speaks at second International Oceanographic Congress in Moscow ("S O S" by Poul Anderson, 1970)

2981: Wildfire joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

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Monday

1972: Allen Howard Dover born (*Run, Come See Jerusalem* by Richard C. Meredith, 1976)

Tuesday

1902: Time-traveler Henry Hassel kills his wife's grandfather. ("The Men Who Murdered Mohammed" by Alfred Bester, 1959)
2058: Earthquake magnitude 10 strikes San Andreas fault, splitting western California from the mainland. San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego destroyed (*Richter 10* by Arthur C. Clarke and Mike McQuay, 1996)
2960: Salu Digby (Shrinking Violet of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

Wednesday

- 2124: Raymond Sinclair murdered ("ARM" by Larry Niven)
- 2431: Spaceship *Hijacker* destroyed (*The Shattered Sphere* by Roger MacBride Allen, 1994)
- 2995: Earth destroyed; surviving cities link together as New Earth (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

Thursday

(year not given): Timequakes occur across North America ("Sidewise in Time" by Murray Leinster, 1934)
1995: Black Monday: A faulty computer chip in Zurich sets bank rate at 150 percent intead of 15 percent, resulting in international chaos (*The Ghost From the Grand Banks* by Arthur C. Clarke, 1990)
2352: Company delegation arrives at Viking Station (*Downbelow Station*, C.J. Cherryh, 1981)

Friday

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2063: Marianne O'Hara born (*Worlds Apart* by Joe Haldeman, 1983)

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Kiriakos

- 1966: Chicago Police Department Criminal Records Division receives alarming news about the A. Walter case ("Computers Don't Argue" by Gordon R. Dickson, 1965)
- 2426: Abduction Day. Earth is removed from the Solar System (*The Shattered Sphere* by Roger MacBride Allen, 1994)



Defteros

(year not given): Algernon dies ("Flowers For Algernon" [short story] by Daniel Keyes)
1910: John W. Campbell, Jr. born
1925: Ulysses Paxton writes to Edgar Rice Burroughs of his adventures on Barsoom (Mars) (*The Mastermind of Mars* by Edgard Rice Burroughs, 1927)



Tritios

2003: Joshua Ali Quare's bank account is cleaned out (*Kaleidoscope Century* by John Barnes, 1995)

Tetartos

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- 1967: Earth receives first intelligible message from Mars (*The Moon Maid* by Edgar Rice Burroughs, 1923)
- 1990: John Smith dies (*Quad World* by Robert A. Metzger, 1991)
- 2165: Proxima III, Earth's first extra-Solar colony, founded (*Babylon 5*, 1994-98)

Pemptos

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1894: Charley (last name not given) enters Third Level of Grand Central Station from an unspecified year in the future. ("The Third Level" by Jack Finney, 1957)
2004: First Contact with aliens from another universe (*Einstein's Bridge* by John Cramer, 1997)
2069: Alien spaceprobe Starglider departs the Solar System (*The Fountains of Paradise* by Arthur C. Clarke, 1978)
2984: Queen Projectra and Karate Kid marry (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)
2995: Reflex joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

Paraskevos

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2053: Admiral Mike Matthews is recalled to command of Pacifica (*City Beneath the Sea*, 1970)
2276: Duncan Makenzie arrives on Earth (*Imperial Earth* by Arthur C. Clarke, 1976)

Savatos

2052: United Nations adopts resolution for colonizing Mars ("Deadlock" by Robert Silverberg, 1958)

14

Astellos

- 1946: Dr. Matilda Saddler meets Clarence Gaffney ("The Gnarly Man" by L. Sprague de Camp, 1939)
- 2024: Earthquake hits Sado Island, Japan, destroying the town of Aikawa (*Richter 10* by Arthur C. Clarke and Mike McQuay, 1996)

15

Orbakios

- (year not given): Advertising experiment in the town of Tylerton ("The Tunnel Under the World" by Frederik Pohl, 1966)
- 1934: Albert ("Al") Calavicci born (*Quantum Leap*, 1989-93)
- 1945: A lightning bolt causes time-traveler Sam Beckett to exchange places with Al Calavicci in 1999 (*Quantum Leap*, 1989-93)
- 2004: Lissa Moore meets famed psychosculptor Nat Hamlin (*The Second Trip* by Robert Silverberg, 1972)

Imparios

1963: Valentina Tereshkova becomes first woman in space 2202: Holo message received from David Emory on Inakademeri (The Engines of God by Jack McDevitt, 1994)

Elenya

- 1999: Johnny Dahlquist comes home to Earth ("The Long Watch" by Robert A. Heinlein, 1948)
- 2755 (Atomic Age): Richard Altmayer sentenced to first prison term ("In A Good Cause --" by Isaac Asimov, 1951)
- 2982: Lightning Lad and Saturn Girl marry (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

Anarya

2242: Mouse spies observe Berk Nielsen at work (Faraday's Orphans by N. Lee Wood, 1997)

Isilya

2201: Nicole des Jardins ponders the hallucinations she experiences during Rama's periods of overdrive (Garden of Rama by Arthur C. Clarke and Gentry Lee, 1991)

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June

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Aldúya

- 1057 (After Creation): Noah's family rescues the whore Sheila from the Flood ("Bible Stories for Adults, No. 17: The Deluge" by James Morrow, 1988)
- 1981: Linda Nielsen, last woman on Earth, meets Jim Mayo, last man on Earth ("They Don't Make Life Like They Used To" by Alfred Bester, 1963)
- 1982: Maureen Johnson hit by a truck, rescued by Time Corps (*To Sail Beyond the Sunset* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1987)
- 1992: Amendments 28 (repudiation of Federal debt) and 29 (abolishment of the Income Tax) sent to states by the 102nd Congress (*First Citizen* by Thomas T. Thomas, 1987)
- 2016: Matt Sheridan's wife dies (*Patriot Future* by Milton Johns, 1997)
- 2989: Magnetic Kid dies (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

21

Menelya

2008: Saturn's moon Hyperion reappears (*Evolution's Shore* by Ian McDonald, 1995)

2024: Volcanic eruptions destroy the city of La Precheur, Martinique (*Richter 10* by Arthur C. Clarke and Mike McQuay, 1996)

Valanya

- 1807: *H.M.S Leopold* attacks the *U.S.S. Chesapeake* ("The War of '07" by Jayge Carr, 1992)
- (annually after 2065): Courage Day (*Starmind* by Spider & Jeanne Robinson, 1995)

Rodyn

- 1861: Lizzy and Matthew Mendal disappear ("The Long Night of Waiting" by Andre Norton)
- 1945: Frank Baxter discovers plastocene ("The Dwindling Sphere" by Willard Hawkins, 1940)
- 2046: Reede Chamberlaine arrives at Harmony (*Harmony* by Marjorie Bradley Kellogg, 1991)

Orgilion

- (year not given): Oddy Gaul appointed A.D.C. to the Joint Council Forces during the Six Month War ("Oddy and Id" by Alfred Bester, 1950)
- 1975: Poker game begins at Danny Eakins' apartment (*The Man Who Folded Himself* by David Gerrold, 1973)

Airday

1903: Eric Arthur Blair (George Orwell) born1957: Sam Beckett Leaps into Al Calavicci's body (*Quantum Leap*, 1989-93)

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June

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Tonsday

(year not given): Searchers locate and defuse hydrogen bombs in major American cities (*The Abductors: Conspiracy* by Jonathan Frakes and Dean Wesley Smith, 1996)

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Hensday

- 1949: *Captain Video* (first SF TV show) premeires on DuMont network.
- 2018: Rusty McPhee finds a corpse in Waste Treatment (*Space Station ICE-3* by Bruce Coville, 1996)
- 2994: Lauren Gand born (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)



Geletyeh

(year not given): First landing on the Moon by Marsden, Engelwood, and Swanson ("Lunar Landing" by Lester Del Rey, 1942)

Oraearon

(year not given): John Strapp visits Bruxton Biotics plant on Alcor IV ("Time is the Traitor" by Alfred Bester, 1953)
1958: Miranda Maris (aka The Ivory Madonna) born (Dance for the Ivory Madonna, Don Sakers, 2002)
1990: Kellogg ("Doc") Jones goes back in time to April 14, 1912 (Laying the Music to Rest by Dean Wesley Smith, 1989)

Savatos

- 1908: Tunguska Event2017: Chambers family departs for Mars (*Lost Race of Mars* by Robert Silverberg, 1960)
- 2188: Gwen Novak kills Enrico Schultz (*The Cat Who Walks Through Walls* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1985)

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Ceres

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(year not given): Professor Otto Steuben, retired Headmaster of Lowell Academy, departs Mars for Earth (*Red Planet* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1949)

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(year not given): Jim Marlowe and Frank Sutton reach home (*Red Planet* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1949)

Hefralt

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9997: Jor-El announces the imminent destruction of the planet Krypton to a doubtful Science Council (*World of Krypton*, DC Comics, 1979)

Saven

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(annually): Supposedly the anniversary of victory in the Trolloc Wars (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

Armstrong Day

(annually): Intercalary day between June and July (*The Leaves of October* by Don Sakers, 1988)

Star Day

(annually): Intercalary day between June and July (*Imperial Earth* by Arthur C. Clarke, 1976)

July

The seventh division of the year ia also known as:

Afterlithe (the Shire) (Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954) Amadaine (The Wheel of Time by Robert Jordan) Athyorum (Bioregional Calendar) **Cermië** (Quenya) (Lord of the Rings) **Cerveth** (Sindarin) (Lord of the Rings) **Freedom** (*Dayworld* by Philip José Farmer, 1985) Iyarii (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers) **Juli** (Credix) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers) **Julio** (Brshall) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers) **Julle** (Hanoverian) (*Henry Martyn* and *Bretta Martyn* by L. Neil Smith, 1989, 1997) Leo (Mars) (Woods Calendar) Limax (Astreiant Solar) (Points series by Lisa A. Barnett and Melissa Scott) Lyehyahbr (Geled) (Scattered Worlds) Mede (Bree) (Lord of the Rings) Nee (Tau Ceti Two by Don Sakers) Nisan (Veadar in embolismic year) (Hebrew Calendar) **Pisces** (Mars) (Darian Calendar) **Rajab** (Islamic Calendar) Sakhtos (Iomard) (The Drums of Chaos series by Jo Clayton, 1998) **Seimis** (Glandair) (*The Drums of Chaos series*) Wolf Moone (Astreiant Lunar) (Points series) Yaxkín (Mayan Calendar)

July

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Sunday

2188: Richard Ames and Gwen Novak marry (*The Cat Who Walks Through Walls* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1985)

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Monday

(year not given): Earth is invaded by aliens who bomb our cities, killing millions. (*Independence Day*, 1996)
1842: James T. West born (*The Wild, Wild West*, 1965-70)
1939: First World Science Fiction Convention opens in Caravan Hall, New York City.
2000: Numerous large meteorites from the Millennium swarm strike Earth (*Final Impact* by Yvonne Navarro, 1997)



Tuesday

- 1939: First World Science Fiction Convention concludes in Caravan Hall, New York City.
- 1942: Tommy arrives in New York ("Though Poppies Grow" by Lester Del Rey, 1942)

Wednesday

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(year not given): Earth counterattack against alien invaders
is launched (<i>Independence Day</i> , 1996)
1859: John Brown & Harriet Tubman successfully attack
federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry (Fire on the Mountain
by Terry Bisson, 1988)
1882: Maureen Johnson Smith born (To Sail Beyond the
Sunset by Robert A. Heinlein, 1987)
1997: Space probe Pathfinder lands on Mars.
2012: Shadrach Mordecai becomes <i>de facto</i> ruler of the
world (Shadrach in the Furnace by Robert Silverberg,
1976)
2076: Lunar Independence declared (<i>The Moon is a Harsh</i>
Mistress by Robert A. Heinlein, 1966)
2276: Duncan Makenzie addresses U.S. Congress (Imperial
<i>Earth</i> by Arthur C. Clarke, 1976)

Thursday

- 1997: Peace Authority, using Hoehler time-stasis technology, brings an end to nuclear war (*The Peace War* by Vernor Vinge, 1984)
- 2188: Gwen Novak, Richard Ames, and Mycroft Holmes rescued (*The Cat Who Walks Through Walls* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1985)

Friday

2992: Legion of Super-Heroes disbands (DC Comics)

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Dies Solis

2000: Earthquakes hit Litchfield, Illinois, in the wake of planetwide large meteorite strikes (*Final Impact* by Yvonne Navarro, 1997)

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Dies Phobotis

1955: First credible Doomsday Device recognized: Led by Bertrand Russell, nine prominent scientists warn that "a war with H-bombs might quite possibly put an end to the human race."

Dies Terrae

- 2963: Drake Burroughs (Wildfire of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)
- 2973: Chameleon Boy, Invisible Kid, and Colossal Boy join the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

Dies Mercurii

- (year not given): Oddy Gaul brevetted to command of Space Force during the Six Month War ("Oddy and Id" by Alfred Bester, 1950)
- 2007: Alien spaceship lands near Grinnell, Iowa (The Puppet Masters by Robert A. Heinlein, 1951)

Dies Jovis

2000: Searle Chanowitz's prisoners are rescued from a collapsed bomb shelter (Final Impact by Yvonne Navarro, 1997)

Dies Veneris

1852: Sgt. Levi Colbert killed in action ("Chickasaw Slave" by Judith Moffett, 1992)

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July

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Dies Saturni

2000: Food riots in New York City ("Judas Fish" by Thomas N. Scortia, 1970)

2115: Jack and Betsy attend Bastille Day celebrations in Gaston Falls, Mars ("Making It All the Way Into the Future on Gaston Falls of the Red Planet" by Barry N. Malzberg, 1974)

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Senkyeh

- 62 (Current Cycle): Saint Swithun's Day. Planet Inari is invaded (*Lightyears*, 1997)
- 1990: Kurt Scholder born (*The Proteus Operation* by James P. Hogan, 1985)
- 2061: Spaceship *Universe* nears midpoint of its journey from Comet Halley to Europa (*2061: Odyssey Three* by Arthur C. Clarke, 1987)

2474 (TE 321): Terran Emperor Dirk Fodon dies (*Psichological Advantage* by Don Sakers)

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Mahnyeh

2000: Over 3,000 dead in East Coast food riots ("Judas Fish" by Thomas N. Scortia, 1970)
2363: Spaceship *Carden* lands on Alpha C IV (*Revolt on Alpha C* by Robert Silverberg, 1959)

^{2040:} Manuel Garcia O'Kelly born (*The Moon is a Harsh Mistress* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1966)

Tarehyeh

17

- 1057 (After Creation): Noah's Ark runs arground on Ararat ("Bible Stories for Adults, No. 17: The Deluge" by James Morrow, 1988)
 1935: Nathaniel Wingate Peaslee encounters an unexplained phenomenon in Western Australia ("The Shadow Out of Time" by H.P. Lovecraft)
- 1955: An un-named Department of Agriculture scientist meets an unusual goose ("Pâté de Foie Gras" by Isaac Asimov, 1956)
- 2032: Beller Labs performs first successful reanimation of a recently-dead body (*Recalled To Life* by Robert Silverberg, 1972)

Vrenzyeh

18

1976: Jokertown riots begin (*Wild Cards* edited by George R.R. Martin, 1987)

Geletyeh

19

1969: Apollo 11 enter Lunar orbit

July

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Soobtayeh

1956: Louis Trachnor cleans a streak of damp gray paint from his house ("I'm Scared" by Jack Finney, 1957)
1969: Neil Armstrong becomes first man to walk on the Moon.
1976: Jokertown riots end (*Wild Cards* edited by George R.R. Martin, 1987)
2009: Lauren Olamina born (*Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler, 1993)
2020: Moonbase declared operational (*Welcome to Moonbase* by Ben Bova, 1987)

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Prahznyeh

1934: *Buck Rogers* comic strip debuts 2024: Lauren Olamina baptized (*Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler, 1993)



Sunday

2000: The alien llat begin their conquest of Earth ("Judas Fish" by Thomas N. Scortia, 1970)

Monday

2000: Food riots in Honolulu ("Judas Fish" by Thomas N. Scortia, 1970)
2037: Spaceship *Charybdis* launched (*Star Trek*

Chronology by Michael and Denise Okuda, 1993)

Trewsday

2990: Earth secedes from United Planets (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

Hevensday

1959: George Raymond Preston born (*Einstein's Bridge* by John Cramer, 1997)

Mersday

1971: Apollo 15 launched 2042: Explosion destroys the city of Timbuktu (*Dance for the Ivory Madonna*, Don Sakers, 2002)

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Highday

(year not given): Michael Dore's promised date for igniting Jupiter (*Lunar Justice* by Charles L. Harness, 1991)

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Sterday

2974: Shrinking Violet and Sun Boy join the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

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Solday

(year not given): Soviet Union attacks Iran (*David's Sling* by Marc Stiegler, 1988)

30

Terraday

2024: Astronaut Alicia Leal dies on Mars (*Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler, 1993)

31

Starday

2242: Berk Nielsen leaves the Brethren (*Faraday's Orphans* by N. Lee Wood, 1997)

(annually): Feast of Maia (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

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(annually): Bailene festival (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

Sunday

(intercalary): Longest day of the year, occurs in the month of Amadaine but is not counted as a day of Amadaine (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

The eighth division of the year is also known as:

Agosto (Broshall) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers) Auchust (Credix) (Scattered Worlds) Augge (Hanoverian) (Henry Martyn and Bretta Martyn by L. Neil Smith, 1989, 1997) **Bara** (*Tau Ceti Two* by Don Sakers) Corvus (Mars) (Woods Calendar) Ekhtos (Iomard) (The Drums of Chaos series by Jo Clayton, 1998) Iyar (Nisan in embolismic year)(Hebrew Calendar) **Iyon** (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series) Lepidas (Astreiant Solar) (Points series by Lisa A. Barnett and Melissa Scott) Mina (Mars) (Darian Calendar) Mol (Mayan Calendar) Plenty (Dayworld by Philip José Farmer, 1985) Shaban (Islamic Calendar) **Spider Moone** (Astreiant Lunar) (Points series) Tammaz (The Wheel of Time by Robert Jordan) **Umniibing** (Bioregional Calendar) Urimë (Quenya) (Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954) **Urui** (Sindarin) (*Lord of the Rings*) Wedmath (the Shire & Bree) (Lord of the Rings) **Yenth** (Mars) ("Omnilingual" by H. Beam Piper, 1957) Zientarii (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series)

Sunday

1916: Lazarus Long arrives from 4291 (*Time Enough for Love* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1973)

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Monday

1852: Ira Howard born (*To Sail Beyond the Sunset* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1987)

2027: Lauren Olamina starts her journey north (*Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler, 1993)

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Tuesday

1972: Marjorie Thiel goes back in time to April 14, 1912 (*Laying the Music to Rest* by Dean Wesley Smith, 1989)
2260: Shadows attack Brakiri space (*Babylon 5*, 1994-98)
2261: Delenn forms a new Grey Council (*Babylon 5*, 1994-98)

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Wednesday

2026: McClellan House dies (*The Martian Chronicles* by Ray Bradbury, 1950)
2260: Vorlon fleet destroys the Shadow fleet in Brakiri space (*Babylon 5*, 1994-98)

Thursday

- 2168: Emma Weil born (Icehenge by Kim Stanley Robinson, 1984)
- 2248: Mutiny aboard the spaceship Rust Eagle (Icehenge by Kim Stanley Robinson, 1984)

Friday

- (year not given): Cherryl Taggart dies (Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand, 1957)
- 1943: Tom Havig dies in Italy (There Will Be Time by Poul Anderson, 1972)
- 2045: Cóatliquita dies (High Aztech by Ernest Hogan, 1992)

Saturday

2061: Water rations are cut in half in Boston ("Ye Citizens of Boston" by Sarah Smith, 1994)

Dies Solis

(annually): Illuminati Beamtenherrschaft (Season of Bureaucracy) commences (*Leviathan* by Robert Shea and Robert Anton Wilson, 1975) 1953: Sam Beckett born (Quantum Leap, 1989-93)

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Elenya

(year not given): Death of Jonathan and Martha Kent (Clark Kent's foster parents) (DC Comics)

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Kiriakos

1974: Mariesa Gorley van Huyten sees a meteor from Jackson Lake (*Firestar* by Michael Flynn, 1996

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Orgilion

1909: First radio S.O.S. is transmitted

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Senkyeh

1946: Robert Tomlin (Jetboy) discharged from the Army (*Wild Cards* edited by George R.R. Martin, 1987)2991: Black Dawn (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

13

Sunneday

1983: James Shabazz born ("Black is Beautiful" by Robert Silverberg, 1970)

14

Sunnendei

1782: Frankenstein's creature meets Father Jacques-Marie Alibard in Canada (*The Frankenstein Papers* by Fred Saberhagen, 1986)
2046: Japa Koseler murdered, (Harmony by Marierie)

2046: Jane Kessler murdered (*Harmony* by Marjorie Bradley Kellogg, 1991)

Airday

(year not given): Birthday of Chlorophyll Kid of the Legion of Substitute Heroes (DC Comics)

Anarya

1884: Hugo Gernsback born2198: Teal Ray Stewart is commended for the rescue of a Lokin ship (*Sovereign* by R. M. Meluch, 1979)

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(year not given): Birthday of Lois Lane (DC Comics) 2025: Damien Nshogoza arrives in the United States (*Dance for the Ivory Madonna*, Don Sakers, 2002)

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Demesday

1966: London is destroyed by atomic satellite (*The Time Machine*, 1960)

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Dies Phobotis

1921: Gene Roddenberry born
1991: Eruption of Cotopaxi volcano kills half a million (*Shadrach in the Furnace* by Robert Silverberg, 1976)
2076: John Smith resurrected (*Quad World* by Robert A. Metzger, 1991)

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Mahnyeh

2962: Jan Arrah (Element Lad of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

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Monendei

2076: Colin Wood resurrected (*Quad World* by Robert A. Metzger, 1991)

Monoday

(year not given): The Mayor of Granton is assassinated ("Snulbug" by Anthony Boucher, 1941)

2014: Splashdown Day (*In the Cube* by David Alexander Smith, 1993)

2042: InfoPol attacks the Maris Institute (*Dance for the Ivory Madonna*, Don Sakers, 2002)

Oranor

1999: Daniel Eakins dies (*The Man Who Folded Himself* by David Gerrold, 1973)

2008: The *Mona Lisa* is auctioned ("Invaders" by John Kessel, 1990)

Dies Terrae

August 24, 2061: Bottom ten levels of Boston are ordered flooded ("Ye Citizens of Boston" by Sarah Smith, 1994)



25

Isilya

- (year not given): Dick Grayson's first public appearance as Robin (DC Comics)
- 2020: Joseph Bodenland carried back to 1916 via freak timeslip (*Frankenstein Unbound* by Brian Aldiss, 1973)
- 2110: Group Green transported to exile in the Pliocene Era (*Saga of Pliocene Exile* by Julian May, 1981)

26

Orithil

2065: District of Northern Illinois cuts itself out of all systems and demands direct administration by Aerial Board of Control ("As Easy as ABC" by Rudyard Kipling, 1912)

27

Tarehyeh

2206: Benajmin Ryan O'Toole born (*Garden of Rama* by Arthur C. Clarke and Gentry Lee, 1991)

28

Tonsday

2189: Jim McCreedy and Teal Ray Stewart are reunited (*Sovereign* by R. M. Meluch, 1979)

Trewesdei

1997: Skynet satellite gains self-awareness and attempts to destroy all human life. (*Terminator*, 1984, *Terminator* 2, 1991)

Trewsday

2230: Susan Ivanova born (*Babylon 5,* 1994-98)2974: Bouncing Boy joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

Tritios

1965: E.E. "Doc" Smith dies



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Tammaz

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(annually): Genshai festival (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

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(annually): Mabriam's Day (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

September

The ninth division of the year is also known as:

Aries (Mars) (Damian Calendar) **Chen** (Mayan Calendar) Flower Moone (Astreiant Lunar) (Points series by Lisa A. Barnett and Melissa Scott) Halimath (the Shire) (Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954) Harvestmath (Bree) (Lord of the Rings) IIyul (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers) Ivanneth (Sindarin) (Lord of the Rings) Maiden (Astreiant Solar) (Points series) Maigdhal (The Wheel of Time by Robert Jordan) Nabentes (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series) **Peace** (*Dayworld* by Philip José Farmer, 1985) Ramadan (Islamic Calendar) Septiembre (Borshall) (Scattered Worlds series) Sitieverao (Bioregional Calendar) **Sivan** (**Ivar** in embolismic year) (Hebrew Calendar) **Tresk** (*Tau Ceti Two* by Don Sakers) Virgo (Mars) (Woods Calendar) Yavannië (Quenya) (Lord of the Rings) Zeptembar (Credix) (Scattered Worlds series)

September

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Sunday

- 1980: J-21 returns from Mars in time for his appeal hearing before the New York Marriage Tribunal (*Just Imagine*, 1930)
- 2051: Boris Nancolm escapes from the police ("The Elephant-Ass Thing" by Jon Burrowes, 1994)

2

Monday

- (year not given): James Taggart and Cherryl Brooks marry (*Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand, 1957)
- 1885: Marty McFly arrives in Hill Valley, CA from 70 years in the future. (*Back to the Future III*, 1990)
- 1966: Star Trek premeires on NBC.
- 2261: Sheridan's forces liberate Proxima III (*Babylon 5,* 1994-98)
- 2323: Corazon Salazar's body is found (*Heavy Time* by C.J. Cherryh, 1991)

3

Tuesday

- (year not given): Collapse of d'Anconia Copper (*Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand, 1957)
- Year 8 of the Empire: Elena Hausmann arrives in Grand Central Station (*The Third Force* by Marc Laidlaw, 1996)
- 2014: First Terran Council (*Dance for the Ivory Madonna*, Don Sakers, 2002)
- 2775: Fiona Mespil born (*The Death of Sleep* by Anne McCaffrey & Jody Lynn Nye, 1991)

Wednesday

2061: Diana Sherwood is adopted (In the Cube by David Alexander Smith, 1993)

Thursday

- 2788 (Atomic Age): Richard Altmayer sentenced to second prison term ("In A Good Cause --" by Isaac Asimov, 1951)
- 2973: Brainiac 5 and Supergirl join the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

Friday

2042: Disney-Hohokus virtie "Camelot" debuts (Dance for the Ivory Madonna, Don Sakers, 2002) 2121: Naomi Horne applies for emigration to Asteroid Belt ("The Patchwork Girl" by Larry Niven, 1980)

Saturday

1885: Marty McFly departs for 1985 (Back to the Future III, 1990)

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September

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Twosday

2002: Saturn's moon Hyperion vanishes (*Evolution's Shore* by Ian McDonald, 1995)

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Waterday

1999: Nuclear explosion blasts the Moon out of orbit (Space: 1999, 1976-77)
2352: Union agent Jessad arrives at Pell Station (Downbelow Station by C.J. Cherryh, 1981)

10

Aldëa

2000: Julian West awakens after a 113-year sleep (*Looking Backward* by Edward Bellamy, 1887)

2352: Fleet assembles at Omicron point and prepares to attack Viking Station (*Downbelow Station* by C.J. Cherryh, 1981)

2957: Reep Daggle (Chameleon Boy of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

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Orgaladh

2077: Meteorite strikes northern Italy, killing 600,000 and destroying Venice, Padua, and Verona (*Rendezvous With Rama* by Arthur C. Clarke, 1973)

13

Aldúya

2000: Alva Marten's son born (*Final Impact* by Yvonne Navarro, 1997)

Dies Mercurii

1956: Time-traveler Sam Beckett Leaps into the body of test pilot Tom Stratton (*Quantum Leap*, 1989-93)

Grounday

(year not given): Amos Leung killed (*David's Sling* by Marc Stiegler, 1988)

Hevenesdei

- (year not given): Algernon (lab mouse) dies. (*Flowers for Algernon* [novel] by Daniel Keyes, 1966)
- 1946: Wild Card Day (*Wild Cards* edited by George R.R. Martin, 1987)
- 2967: Jacques Foccart (Invisible Kid II of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

14

September

16

Hensday

599: Time traveler Israel Lennox kills Mohammed ("The Men Who Murdered Mohammed" by Alfred Bester, 1959)

17

Orgaladhad

2017: Damien Nshogoza born (*Dance for the Ivory Madonna* by Don Sakers)

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Seiday

1938: First meeting of the Futurian Science Literary Society. 1999: A lightning bolt causes Al Calavicci to exchange

- places with Sam Beckett in 1945 (*Quantum Leap*, 1989-93)
- 2609: Edumnd Doya is invited to visit Saturn Artificial Satellite Four (*Icehenge* by Kim Stanley Robinson, 1984)
- 2962: Val Armorr (Karate Kid of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

19

Terartos

(year not given): Oddy Gaul assumes supreme command in Battle of the Parsec; Six Month War ends ("Oddy and Id" by Alfred Bester, 1950)

Vrenzyeh

- (year not given): Clark Kent meets Lori Lemaris (DC Comics)
- 2218: Simeon Krug's tower reaches 100 meters (*Tower of Glass* by Robert Silverberg, 1970)

Windsday

1866: H.G. Wells born
1966: Second World War (begun in 1940) ends (*Things to Come,* 1936)
2959: Mysal Nal (White Witch of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

Dies Jovis

- (year not given): Birthday of Kara Zor-El (aka Supergirl) (DC Comics)
- 2890 (Third Age): Bilbo Baggins born (*Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien, 1954)
- 2968 (Third Age): Frodo Baggins born (*Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien, 1954)
- 1482 (Shire Reckoning)/61 (Fourth Age): Samwise Gamgee departs Bag End to pass into the West (*Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954)

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September

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Geletyeh

3018 (Third Age): Frodo leaves Bag End (*Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien, 1954)

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Menelya

2976: Mordru the Sorceror defeated and imprisoned (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)2992: Fire Lad joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC

Comics)

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Meresdei

2035: Johnny learns that his family is going to Mars ("Turn Left at the Moon" by Robert L. Forward, 1987)

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Mersday

3018 (Third Age): Frodo meets Tom Bombadil (*Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien, 1954)

Ormenel

1913: Nathaniel Wingate Peaslee's strange amnesia ends ("The Shadow Out of Time" by H.P. Lovecraft) 2982: Khund invasion of Earth ends (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

Pemptos

(year not given): Birthday of Lex Luthor (DC Comics) 2978: Shadow Lass joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

Reasday

1091: Alaric Morgan born (The Deryni Archives by Katherine Kurtz, 1986) 3021 (Third Age): Bilbo and Frodo go into the West with Gandalf, Galadriel, and Elrond. (Lord of the Rings by J. R. R. Tolkien, 1954)

Thirstday

- (year not given): Supergirl's existence is revealed to the world (DC Comics)
- 2003: 30th Amendment (Succession upon simultaneous incapacity of President and Vice President) ratified (First Citizen by Thomas T. Thomas, 1987)

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Maigdhal

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(annually): Tandar/Tandor festival (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

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Maigdhal 18 (annually): Low Chasaline festival (<u>The Wheel</u> <u>of Time</u> by Robert Jordan)

Empire Day

(annually): Intercalary day between September and October (*The Leaves of October* by Don Sakers, 1988)

October

The tenth division of the year is also known as:

Ahvgoost (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers) Centaurus (Mars) (Woods Calendar) **Choren** (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan) Degamis (Glandair) (The Drums of Chaos series by Jo Clayton, 1998) Dekebrios (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series) **Gieon** (*Tau Ceti Two* by Don Sakers) Knowledge (Dayworld by Philip José Farmer, 1985) Mesha (Mars) (Darian Calendar) Narbeleth (Sindarin) (Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954) Narquelië (Quenya) (Lord of the Rings) Nor (Mars) ("Omnilingual" by H. Beam Piper, 1957) **Octubre** (Borshall) (Scattered Worlds series) Oktobar (Credix0 (Scattered Worlds series) **Rat Moone** (Astreiant Lunar) (Points series by Lisa A. Barnett and Melissa Scott) Sedeion (Astreiant Solar) (Points series) Shawwal (Islamic Calendar) Talato (Bioregional Calendar) Tammuz (Sivan in embolismic year) (Hebrew Calendar) Winterfilth (the Shire) (Lord of the Rings) Wintring (Bree) (Lord of the Rings) Yax (Mayan Calendar)

October

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Sunday

2182: Spaceship Tesah attacked by Uelson forces (*Sovereign* by R. M. Meluch, 1979)

Monday

1872: Phileas Fogg begins his round-the-world journey (*Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne, 1873)

1959: The Twilight Zone premeires on CBS.

3

Tuesday

1997: 28th Amendment (repudiation of Federal debt) ratified (*First Citizen* by Thomas T. Thomas, 1987)
2054: After a thousand-day probationary period, the Human Polity joins the Galactic Milieu (*Jack the Bodiless* by Julian May, 1992)
2070: Frederick Hallam discovers Plutonium-186 (*The Gods Themselves* by Isaac Asimov, 1972)

4

Wednesday

2002: Chicago becomes the first city to enclose itself within a field-technology dome (*Harmony* by Marjorie Bradley Kellogg, 1991)
2363: USS Enterprise, NCC 1701-D, launched (*Star Trek Chronology* by Michael and Denise Okuda, 1993)

Thursday

2009: The Krel contract to give human time-travel technology ("Invaders" by John Kessel, 1990)2957: Luornu Durgo (Triplicate Girl of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

Friday

2087: David Brandon visits the Third Temple in Jerusalem ("Day of Atonement" by L. Neil Schulman, 1997)

Saturday

(year not given): Levendis kicks a cat ("The Man Who Rowed Christopher Columbus Ashore" by Harlan Ellison, 1997)

Dies Veneris

2991: Venado Bay Massacre (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

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October

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Eärenya

535: Martin Padway arrives in Rome from the Twentieth century (*Lest Darkness Fall* by L. Sprague deCamp, 1939)

2981: Tyroc joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

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Oraearon

2352: Angelo Konstantin murdered; Union and Fleet battle over Pell Station (*Downbelow Station* by C.J. Cherryh, 1981)

2983: Blok joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

11

Freeday

1929: Tom Niles born ("The Man Who Never Forgot" by Robert Silverberg, 1957)

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Highday

802,701: H. George Wells arrives in the world of the Eloi (*The Time Machine*, 1960)

Highdei

1990: Sybille Klein's funeral ("Born With the Dead" by Robert Silverberg, 1974)

Homesday

- 1899: Discovery of Cavorite (*The First Men in the Moon* by H.G. Wells, 1901)
- 2011: Tourist vessel D.S.V. *Piccard* visits the H.M.S. Titanic (*The Ghost From the Grand Banks*, Arthur C. Clarke, 1990)
- 2155: Dave Lister born (official date from Star Corps records) (*Red Dwarf*, 1991)

Orbelain

- (annually): Muster Day (*Looking Backward* by Edward Bellamy, 1887)
- (year not given): Tony ("Non-Absolute") dies during a riot at Readen Steel (*Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand, 1957)

Rodyn

1997: Launch (and loss) of spaceship *Jupiter II* (*Lost in Space* 1966-69)

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October

17

Paraskevos

1947: Spaceship *Jupiter II* arrives on Earth from October 1999 (*Lost in Space*, 1966-69)

18

Soobatyeh

2004: Dr. Jesse Randall is sued for malpractice ("The Mountain to Mohammed" by Nancy Kress, 1992)
2089: Philip Baxter perfects method of transforming plastocene into food ("The Dwindling Sphere" by Willard Hawkins, 1940)
2218: Simeon Krug's tower reaches 280 meters (*Tower of Glass* by Robert Silverberg, 1970)



Valanya

2041: Tom Laughlin born (*Quad World* by Robert A. Metzger, 1991)

20

Tárion

(annually): Illuminati Grummet (Season of Aftermath) commences (Leviathan by Robert Shea and Robert Anton Wilson, 1975)

- 2975: Dream Girl joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)
- 2991: Visi-Lad, Infectious Lass, Chlorophyll Kid, and Porcupine Pete join the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)
- 3018 (Third Age): Frodo crosses Ford of Bruinen (Lord of the Rings by J. R. R. Tolkien, 1954)

Dies Saturni

(year not given): Jonathan Kent weds Martha Clark (DC Comics) 1929: Ursula K. LeGuin born 2015: Marty McFly arrives in Hill Valley, CA from 1985 (Back to the Future II, 1989)

Prahzyeh

2957: Thom Kallor (Star Boy of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

22

October

23

Sadday

(year not given): Barry Allen becomes The Flash in a freak accident (DC Comics)

4004 BCE: Traditional date for Creation (Archbishop Ussher)

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Savatos

1991: Gene Roddenberry dies

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Sterday

1940: A tourist visits St. Paul's Cathedral asking for Langby ("Fire Watch" by Connie Willis, 1982)

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Sterrendei

1985: First trial of Emmet L. Brown's time machine (*Back to the Future*, 1985)

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Astellos

1856: Presidential candidate James Buchanan dies ("Now Falls the Cold, Cold Night" by Jack Chalker, 1992)

Septday

1985: Rorschch tells Dr. Malcolm Long a story about a dog (*Watchmen* by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons, 1987)

Solday

1929: U.S. stock market collapses. The Depression that followed had enormous influence on the shape of early science fiction.

Octday

1837: Emily Forbes born ("Over the River and Through the Woods" by Clifford D. Simak, 1965)
1938: Martians land at Grover's Mill, New Jersey (*War of the Worlds* radio broadcast, 1938)
1938: Under cover of a faked Martian invasion, Red Lectroids from Planet Ten arrive at Grover's Mill, New Jersey (*Buckaroo Banzai*, 1984)
2053: Monique is propositioned by a cheeseball (*Freeware* by Rudy Rucker, 1997)
2462 - 2470: Hoister Family Eighth Generation clone groups born on October 30 of successive years (*Psichological Advantage* by Don Sakers)

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October

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Orbakios

1962: Nuclear war destroys most life on Earth (*Branch Point* by Mona Clee, 1996)

2149: Hoister Family Genetic Program begun (*Psichological Advantage* by Don Sakers)

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(annually): Festival of Lanterns (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

The eleventh division of the year is also known as:

Ab (**Tammuz** in embolismic year) (Hebrew Calendar) Blotmath (the Shire) (Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954) **Blooting** (Bree) (Lord of the Rings) **Evfen** (*Tau Ceti Two* by Don Sakers) Hísimë (Quenya) (Lord of the Rings) **Hithui** (Sindarin) (*Lord of the Rings*) Horse Moone (Astreiant Lunar) (Points series by Lisa A. Barnett and Melissa Scott) Libra (Mars) (Woods Calendar) **Ossyahbr** (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers) Novembar (Credix) (Scattered Worlds) **Novve** (Hanoverian) (*Henry Martyn* and *Bretta Martyn* by L. Neil Smith, 1989, 1997) Seuautum (Bioregional Calendar) Shaldine (The Wheel of Time by Robert Jordan) Taurus (Mars) (Darian Calendar) Tyrsion (Astreiant Solar) (Points series) Voviembre (Borshall) (Scattered Worlds series) Wisdom (Dayworld by Philip José Farmer, 1985) Zac (Mayan Calendar) Zulkadah (Islamic Calendar)

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Sunday

2062: A team from the Salamander Bunker is sent back in time to 1962 to prevent nuclear war (*Branch Point* by Mona Clee, 1996)

2488 (TE 335): Imperial attack on the planet Helox (*Psichological Advantage* by Don Sakers)

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Monday

- 1948: George Patton elected President of the United States (*To Sail Beyond the Sunset* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1987)
- 2123: Owen Jennison found dead in his apartment ("Death by Ecstasy" by Larry Niven)
- 2261: Sheridan and his fleet arrive at Earth. President Clark commits suicide. Earth Government is re-established (*Babylon 5*, 1994-98)

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Tuesday

(year not given): Activation of Adam Link, Robot ("I, Robot" by Eando Binder, 1938)

^{2965:} Troy Stewart (Tyroc of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

Wednesday

November 4, 1982: Lyle Swan is sent back to 1877 (*Timerider*, 1983) November 4, 2008: Election Day: Norman Muller votes ("Franchise" by Isaac Asimov, 1955)

Thursday

1867: The Abraham Lincoln encounters the Nautilus
(20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne, 1870)
1877: Lyle Swan arrives from 1982 (<i>Timerider,</i> 1983)
1893: Jack the Ripper and H.G. Wells depart for 1979 (<i>Time</i>
After Time, 1979)
1955: Emmet L. Brown conceives of the flux capacitor, the
device which makes time travel possible. (Back to the
<i>Future,</i> 1985)
1955: Marty McFly arrives in Hill Valley, CA from 30 years
in the future. (<i>Back to the Future,</i> 1985)
1979: Jack the Ripper and H.G. Wells arrive in San
Francisco from 1893 (<i>Time After Time</i> , 1979)

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Friday

2024: Christopher Donner elected U.S. President (*Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler, 1993)

Saturday (year not given): Birthday of Martha Clark Kent (Clark Kent's foster mother) (DC Comics) 1979: H.G. Wells and Amy Robbins travel (briefly) to November 10, 1979, then return (*Time After Time*, 1979) 2023: Miranda Maris is elected to the Chamber of Ministers (*Dance for the Ivory Madonna*, Don Sakers, 2002) 2737: Dora and Don meet and fall in love ("Day Million" by FrederikPohl, 1966) 2985: Graym and Garridan Ranzz born (Legion of Super-

Heroes, DC Comics)

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Orbakios

2001: Shiela Davidson's team lands on the moon, within sight of the Apollo 12 landing site (*Welcome to Moonbase* by Ben Bova, 1987)

Terraday

1974: Supreme Court rules constitutional the Stonely-Carter Act, which established a federal bureau to control all scientific research ("Trends" by Isaac Asimov, 1939)

Imparios

- 1979: H.G. Wells and Amy Robbins arrive from November 7, 1979, stay briefly, and then return (*Time After Time*, 1979)
- 2959: Garth & Ayla Ranzz (Lightning Lad & Light Lass of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

Novaday

- (year not given): Birthday of Dick Grayson (aka Robin) (DC Comics)
- 1888: Vorlons abduct "Sebastian" of 14-B Harrisburg Lane (Babylon 5, 1994-98)
- 1918: Julian 1st dies in France (The Moon Maid by Edgar Rice Burroughs, 1923)
- 2190: Sol begins supernova ("The Custodian" by William Tenn, 1953)

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^{1979:} Amy Robbins is murdered by Jack the Ripper (Time After Time, 1979)

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Starday

1901: Clark Savage, Jr. (aka Doc Savage) born (*Doc Savage: His Apocalyptic Life* by Philip José Farmer, 1973)
1955: Marty McFly arrives in Hill Valley, CA from 1985 (*Back to the Future II*, 1989)
1955: Lightning strikes clock tower in Hill Valley, CA at 10:04 pm (*Back to the Future*, 1985)
2017: Spaceship *Nadezhda* accomplishes first manned landing on Mars (*Fellow Traveler* by William Barton and Michael Capobianco, 1991)
2985: Karate Kid dies (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

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Sunnendei

2072: A virus called The Bug wipes out eleven billion people and leaves survivors drastically altered (*Quad World* by Robert A. Metzger, 1991)

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- 906: Saint Camber canonized (*Saint Camber* by Katherine Kurtz, 1978)
- 1106: Prince Kelson Haldane born (*The Deryni Archives* by Katherine Kurtz, 1986)

Waterday

1120: Kelson Haldane crowned (Deryni Rising by Katherine Kurtz, 1970)

Windsday

1955: Marty McFly departs for 1885 (Back to the Future III, 1990)

Thirstday

2218: Simeon Krug's tower reaches 500 meters (Tower of Glass by Robert Silverberg, 1970)

Valanya

1970: Daniel Boone Davis is fired from Hired Girl, Inc. (The Door into Summer by Robert A. Heinlein, 1957)

Sterrendei

2958: Lyle Norg (Invisible Kid of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

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Sunneday

1896: Richard Collier and Elise McKenna fall in love (*Bid Time Return* by Richard Matheson, 1975)

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2994: Blok dies (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

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Twosday

(year not given): John Gault gies a radio address to the nation (*Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand, 1957)
1888: John Clayton III (aka Tarzan) born (*Tarzan Alive* by Philip José Farmer, 1972)
1963: Hundreds of time travelers fail to prevent the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

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Vrenzyeh

1963: Doctor Who premeires on the BBC.
2026: Penylle Norton escapes from Walter Reed Hospital (Dance for the Ivory Madonna, Don Sakers, 2002)
2958: Imra Ardeen (Saturn Girl of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

Reasday

2153: Terran Empire proclaimed (*The Leaves of October* by Don Sakers, 1988)

Soobtayeh

1809: Benjamin Bathurst vanishes in Perleburg, Prussia ("He Walked Around the Horses" by H. Beam Piper, 1948)

Sterday

1999: Rogue planet Millennium is torn apart by Jupiter's gravity (*Final Impact* by Yvonne Navarro, 1997)

Senkyeh

2015: Maris Institute for Wayward Artists is dedicated (*Dance for the Ivory Madonna*, Don Sakers, 2002)
2123: Spaceship *Mariposa* launched on colonization mission into the Ficus Sector (*Star Trek Chronology* by Michael and Denise Okuda, 1993)
2991: Stone Boy and Color Kid join the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

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Monendei

1809: Benjamin Bathurst killed while attempting to escape from a Prussian madhouse ("He Walked Around the Horses" by H. Beam Piper, 1948)

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Tritios

2983: Invisible Kid II joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

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Terartos

2207: Teal Ray Stewart returns from Arana (*Sovereign* by R. M. Meluch, 1979)

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(annually): Amaetheon festival (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

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(annually): Shaoman festival (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

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11 M.E.: Space probe *Pathfinder* lands on Mars.

December

The twelfth division of the year is also known as:

Astreon (Astreiant Solar) (Points series by Lisa A. Barnett and Melissa Scott) Ceh (Mayan Calendar) **Deciembre** (Borshall) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers) **Desse** (Hanoverian) (*Henry Martyn* and *Bretta Martyn* by L. Neil Smith, 1989, 1997) **Dezembar** (Credix) (Scattered Worlds series) Elul (Ab in embolismic year) (Hebrew Calendar) **Foreyule** (the Shire) (*Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954) **Girithron** (Sindarin) (Lord of the Rings) Horse Moone (Astreiant Lunar) (Points series) Lupus (Mars) (Woods Calendar) Naya (Tau Ceti Two by Don Sakers) **Nesan** (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan) Pungotono (Bioregional Calendar) **Ringarë** (Quenya) (Lord of the Rings) Serenity (Dayworld by Philip José Farmer, 1985) Syeentyahbr (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series) Vrisha (Mars) (Darian Calendar) Yulemath (Bree) (Lord of the Rings) Zulhijjah (Islamic Calendar)

December

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Sunday

1899: Nancy Irene Smith Weatheral born (*To Sail Beyond the Sunset* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1987)
1975: World telephone system comes alive ("Dial F for Frankenstein" by Arthur C. Clarke, 1963)
1985: First appearance of the Very Slow Time Machine ("The Very Slow Time Machine" by Ian Watson, 1978)
1988: A Passenger takes Charles Roth ("Passengers" by

Robert Silverberg, 1968)

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Monday

2001: Krel spaceship lands on the 40-yard line during a Redskins game ("Invaders" by John Kessel, 1990)

Tuesday

- 1872: Phileas Fogg arrives in San Francisco (*Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne, 1873)
- 1970: Daniel Boone Davis confronts his former business partner (*The Door into Summer* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1957)
- 2249: John Sheridan and Anna marry (Babylon 5, 1994-98)

Wednesday

1970: Daniel Boone Davis enters Cold Sleep (*The Door into Summer* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1957)
1987: Charles Roth is released by his Passenger ("Passengers" by Robert Silverberg, 1968)
2973: Mon-El joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

Thursday

2064: Rand Porter returns to the Shimizu Hotel (*Starmind* by Spider & Jeanne Robinson, 1995)

Friday

1958: Pioneer 3 Lunar flyby mission launched

Saturday

1972: Apollo 17 launched; last manned Moon mission to date

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December

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Pemptos

- 2957: Nura Nal (Dream Girl of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)
- 2977: Karate Kid, Princess Projectra, and Ferro Lad join the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

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Paraskevos

1932: Jim Bendell picks up a hitch-hiker from 3059 ("Twilight" by John W. Campbell, Jr., 1934)

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Savatos

2225: Lyta Alexander born (Babylon 5, 1994-98)

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Orgilion

1999: Selene forces take control of all bases on the Moon, declare independence (*Millennium* by Ben Bova, 1976)

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Mahnyeh

2000: Daniel Boone Davis revived from Cold Sleep (*The Door into Summer* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1957)

Trewsday

(year not given): Bill Smith gets caught in a time paradox (*Millennium* by John Varley, 1983)

Seiday

1994: Astronomer Georgia Parr detects an asteroid in an Earth-approach obit (*Fellow Traveler* by William Barton and Michael Capobianco, 1991)
2994: Legion of Super-Heroes officially re-formed. Kono and Celeste Rockfish join. (DC Comics)

Ormenel

1940: Bartholomew buries a cat ("Fire Watch" by Connie Willis, 1982)

Rodyn

Year 11 of the Empire: George Tessera reveals the truth about the Sensorama (*The Third Force* by Marc Laidlaw, 1996)
1917: Arthur C. Clarke born.
2154: Martin Sessui wins Nobel Prize for Physics (*The Fountains of Paradise* by Arthur C. Clarke, 1978)

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December

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Sadday

1903: Oliver and Wilbur Wright make first successful airplane flight

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Kiriakos

(year not given): Claude Villefranche dies (*To Live Again* by Robert Silverberg, 1969)

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Dies Phobotis

2002: Thermonuclear bomb destroys Washington, DC, killing President Geddes, Vice President, Stokes and the entire Cabinet. The Hundred Lost Days begin (*First Citizen* by Thomas T. Thomas, 1987)
2962: Princess Projectra of Orando born (Legion of Super-

Heores, DC Comics)

2983: Queen Projectra of Orando is crowned (Legion of Super-Heroes, DC Comics)

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Tonsday

1872: Phileas Fogg completes his round-the-world journey (*Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne, 1873)

2218: Simeon Krug's tower reaches 800 meters (*Tower of Glass* by Robert Silverberg, 1970)

Orgaladhad

- 1872: Phileas Fogg appears at the Reform Club to claim his reward (*Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne, 1873)
- 2800 (Atomic Age): Richard Altmayer sentenced to third, and last, prison term ("In A Good Cause --" by Isaac Asimov, 1951)
- 2968: Pol Krinn (Magnetic Kid of the Legion of Super-Heroes) born (DC Comics)

Mersday

2962: Brek Brannin (Polar Boy of the Legion of Super-Heores) born (DC Comics)

Homesday

(year not given): Lisa Bander's request to be transferred to NASA's Team Alpha is denied (*Shiva Descending* by Gregory Benford and William Rotsler, 1980)



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December

Prahznyeh

- 2000: A hollow asteroid known as the Stone enters Earth orbit (*Eon* by Greg Bear, 1985)
- 2052: Jenny Sixa throws a party (*The Stranger* by Eric James Fullilove, 1997)
- 2974: Matter-Eater Lad joins the Legion of Super-Heroes (DC Comics)

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Elenya

- 1: Millions of time travelers converge on Bethlehem.
- 904: King Cinhil crowned (*Camber of Culdi* by Katherine Kurtz, 1976)
- 1940: Second World War begins; will continue through 1966 (*Things to Come*, 1936)
- 2025: Spaceship *Barsoom* departs Earth (*The Moon Maid* by Edgar Rice Burroughs, 1923)

3018 (Third Age): Company of the Ring leaves Rivendell on their mission southward (*Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien, 1954)

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Demesday

1857: Julian West born (*Looking Backward* by Edward Bellamy, 1887)

2260: Sheridan attacks Z'ha'dum (Babylon 5, 1994-98)

Tarehyeh

2171: Stephen Molloy O'Toole born (*Garden of Rama* by Arthur C. Clarke and Gentry Lee, 1991)

Hevensday

1997: John Stapleton is hanged...for the first time ("December 28th" by Theodore L. Thomas, 1966)2653: Ran Raxler achieves tenth rank in North-Central Finals ("The Dwindling Sphere" by Willard Hawkins, 1940)

Menelya

1836: Crew of the *Wasp* enters the Hollow Earth (*The Hollow Earth* by Rudy Rucker)
2092: Computer profile Marianne-prime O'Hara becomes self-aware (*Worlds Apart* by Joe Haldeman, 1983)

Highday

1999: Chet Kinsman meets with U.N. Secretary-General Emmanuel De Paolo concerning U.N. recognition of the Moon as the independent nation Selene (*Millennium* by Ben Bova, 1976)

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December

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Orbelain

1899: First trial of H. George Wells's time machine (*The Time Machine*, 1960)
1999: World ended at midnight PCT, according to Rev. Thomas Barker (*I Will Fear No Evil* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1970)
2000: Justin Foote I born (*To Sail Beyond the Sunset* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1987)
2257: Narn Base in Quadrant 37 is destroyed by Shadows (*Babylon 5*, 1994-98)

Nesan

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978 (New Era): Council of the Grand Alliance holds its first meeting (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

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978 (New Era): Battle of Tar Valon begins (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

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(annually): Danshu festival (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

Solstice

Solstice (annually): Intercalary day after December 31 (*The Leaves of October* by Don Sakers, 1988)

Month 13

The thirteenth division of the year is also known as:

Ahktyahbr (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers)
Danu (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)
Doocall (Bioregional Calendar)
Elul (in embolismic year) (Hebrew Calendar)
Fulfillment (*Dayworld* by Philip José Farmer, 1985)
Gargoyle Moone (Astreiant Lunar) (Points series by Lisa A. Barnett and Melissa Scott, 1995)
Gemini (Mars) (Darian Calendar)
Mac (Mayan Calendar)
Scorpius (Mars) (Woods Calendar)
Sol (International Fixed Calendar)

Danu

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978 (New Era): Battle of Tar Valon ends (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

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(annually): First day of the Feast of Lights (*The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan)

The fourteenth division of the year is also known as:

Bell Moone (Astreiant Lunar) (Points series by Lisa A. Barnett and Melissa Scott)
Duodecember (Mars) (*The Demolished Man* by Alfred Bester, 1951)
Kankín (Mayan Calendar)
Mithuna (Mars) (Darian Calendar)
Nahyahbr (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers)
Ophiuchus (Mars) (Woods Calendar)
Sumiesien (Bioregional Calendar)

Duodecember

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2301: Ben Reich awakens with a scream (*The Demolished Man* by Alfred Bester, 1951)

The fifteenth division of the year is also known as:

Athwinter (Bioregional Calendar)
Cancer (Mars) (Darian Calendar)
Hearth Moone (Astreiant Lunar) (Points series by Lisa A. Barnett and Melissa Scott)
Muan (Mayan Calendar)
Sagittarius (Mars) (Woods Calendar)
Zyeemyahbr (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers)

Month 16

The sixteenth division of the year is also known as:

Aquila (Mars) (Woods Calendar)
Dyeekyahbr (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers)
Karkata (Mars) (Darian Calendar)
Onezima (Bioregional Calendar)
Pax (Mayan Calendar)

Month 17

The seventeeth division of the year is also known as:

Capricornus (Mars) (Woods Calendar) **Cumhu** (Mayan Calendar) **Leo** (Mars) (Darian Calendar)

The eighteenth division of the year is also known as:

Asleha (Mars) (Darian Calendar) Pegasus (Mars) (Woods Calendar) Uayeb (Mayan Calendar)

Month 19

The nineteenth division of the year is also known as:

Aquarius (Mars) (Woods Calendar) **Virgo** (Mars) (Darian Calendar)

Month 20

The twentieth division of the year is also known as:

Cetus (Mars) (Woods Calendar) **Kanya** (Mars) (Darian Calendar) **Zeus** (Mars) (*Red Planet* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1949)

Month 21

The twenty-first division of the year is also known as:

Libra (Mars) (Darian Calendar) November (Mars) (*Red Planet* by Robert A. Heinlein, 1949) Pisces (Mars) (Woods Calendar)

The twenty-second division of the year is also known as:

Andromeda (Mars) (Woods Calendar) Tula (Mars) (Darian Calendar)

Month 23

The twenty-third division of the year is also known as:

Aries (Mars) (Woods Calendar) Scorpius (Mars) (Darian Calendar)

Month 24

The twenty-fourth division of the year is also known as:

Ali (Mars) (Darian Calendar) Perseus (Mars) (Woods Calendar)

Under Alien Moons

The month of AN SEACHDMHIOS

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2078: Geordie Doig is sentenced to prison (*Magnificat* by Julian May, 1996)

The month of CHEWELAH

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2078: Anne Remillard crashlands on Okanagon (*Magnificat* by Julian May, 1996)

The month of **DIAD**

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52013: League attack on liner *Alexasander Grobkin* is repelled (*The Siege* by Bill Baldwin, 1994)

The month of **EANAIR**

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2080: Fury and Hydra meet some Hibernia natives (*Magnificat* by Julian May, 1996)

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2080: Rebel meeting on Hibernia (*Magnificat* by Julian May, 1996)

The month of **EINSTEIN**

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290: Marianne O'Hara receives a message from Jeff Hawkings (*Worlds Apart* by Joe Haldeman, 1983)

The month of **FLOWER MOON**

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3097: Sherman Weaver writes a letter to Markos Koukidas ("Aristotle and the Gun" by L. Sprague deCamp, 1956)

The month of HEROS

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4127: Space Force ordered to ocupy Chandrasekar Research Station ("S O S" by Poul Anderson, 1970)

The month of MAZAMA

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2082: Earthquake magnitude 5.9 strikes the Dirigent's residence on Okanagon (*Magnificat* by Julian May, 1996)

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2082: Cyndia Remillard makes a phone call to Earth (*Magnificat* by Julian May, 1996)

The month of MIOS AN FHOGHAIR

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1068: Dee MacDonald displays metapsychic powers (*Diamond Mask* by Julian May, 1994)

The month of MIOS GAILBHEACH

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2062: Dee MacDonald arrives on Caledonia (*Diamond Mask* by Julian May, 1994)

The month of MIOS MEADHONACH A' GHEAMHRAIDH

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2068: Masha MacGregor-Gawrys meets Rebels on Caledonia (*Diamond Mask* by Julian May, 1994)

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2068: Dee MacDonald hears from her mother (*Diamond Mask* by Julian May, 1994)

The month of AN OCHDMHIOS

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2082: Dee MacDonald has a fateful dinner with Jack Remillard and the First Magnate (*Magnificat* by Julian May, 1996)

The month of **QUATUOR**

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2600: publication of *This Third Millennium* — A *Condensed Textbook for Students* (revised microfilm edition) by A.G. Yakimara, H.B., Soc.D., etc. (*Forbidden Planet* by W.J. Stuart, 1956)

The month of AN SEACHDMHIOS

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2078: Geordie Doig is sentenced to prison (*Magnificat* by Julian May, 1996)

The month of **SEXTOR**

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2351: Space Ship *Bellerophon* launched to Altair (*Forbidden Planet* by W.J. Stuart, 1956)

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2391: United Planets Cruiser C-57-D returns from Altair (*Forbidden Planet* by W.J. Stuart, 1956)

The month of SHUKSAN

16-17

2082: The moon Cibele is destroyed (*Magnificat* by Julian May, 1996)

The Days of Our Lives

The first day, **Sunday**, is also known as:

Dies Solis (Mars) (Darian Calendar)
Elenya (Quenya & Númenor) (Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954)
Kiriakos (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series by Don Sakers)
Orgilion (Sindarin & Númenor) (Lord of the Rings)
Senkyeh (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series)
Sunday (Hobbits) (Lord of the Rings)
Sunday (Bioregional Calendar)
Sunday (Astreiant) (Points series by Lisa A. Barnett and Melissa Scott)
Sunneday (Web of Stars by Don Sakers)
Sunnendei (Hobbits; archaic) (Lord of the Rings)

The second day, Monday, is also known as:

Airday (Bioregional Calendar) Anarya (Quenya & Númenor) (*Lord of the Rings*) Defteros (second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series) Demesday (Points series) Dies Phobotis (Mars) (Darian Calendar) Mahnyeh (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series) Monday (Hobbits) (*Lord of the Rings*) Monendei (Hobbits; archaic) (*Lord of the Rings*) Monoday (*Web of Stars*) Oranor (Sindarin & Númenor) (*Lord of the Rings*) The third day, **Tuesday**, is also known as:

Dies Terrae (Mars) (Darian Calendar) Isilya (Quenya & Númenor) (*Lord of the Rings*) Orithil (Sindarin & Númenor) (*Lord of the Rings*) Tarehyeh (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series) Tonsday (Points series) Trewesdei (Hobbits; archaic) (*Lord of the Rings*) Trewsday (Hobbits)(*Lord of the Rings*) Tritios (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series) Twosday (*Web of Stars*) Waterday (Bioregional Calendar)

The fourth day, Wednesday, is also known as:

Aldëa or Orgaladh (Númenor)(Lord of the Rings) Aldúya (Quenya)(Lord of the Rings) Dies Mercurii (Mars) (Darian Calendar) Grounday (Bioregional Calendar) Hevenesdei (Hobbits; archaic)(Lord of the Rings) Hevensday or Hensday (Hobbits)(Lord of the Rings) Orgaladhad (Sindarin) (Lord of the Rings) Seiday (Points series) Terartos (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series) Vrenzyeh (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series) Windsday (Web of Stars) The fifth day, **Thursday**, is also nown as:

Dies Jovis (Mars) (Darian Calendar) Geletyeh (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series) Menelya (Quenya & Númenor)(Lord of the Rings) Meresdei (Hobbits; archaic) (Lord of the Rings) Mersday (Hobbits) (Lord of the Rings) Ormenel (Sindarin & Númenor)(Lord of the Rings) Pemptos (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series) Reasday (Points series) Thirstday (Web of Stars)

The sixth day, Friday, is also known as:

Dies Veneris (Mars) (Darian Calendar)
Eärenya or Oraearon (Númenor) (Lord of the Rings)
Freeday (Web of Stars)
Highday (Hobbits)(Lord of the Rings)
Highdei (Hobbits; archaic) (Lord of the Rings)
Homesday (Points series)
Orbelain or Rodyn (Sindarin) (Lord of the Rings)
Paraskevos (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series)
Soobtayeh (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series)
Valanya or Tárion (Quenya) (Lord of the Rings)

The seventh day, Saturday, is also known as:

Dies Saturni (Mars) (Darian Calendar)
Orbelain/Rodyn or Valanya/Tárion (Númenor) (Lord of the Rings)
Prahznyeh (Geled) (Scattered Worlds series)
Sadday (Web of Stars)
Savatos (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series)
Sterday (Hobbits) (Lord of the Rings)
Sterrendei (Hobbits; archaic) (Lord of the Rings)

The eighth day is known as:

Astellos (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series) Septday (*Web of Stars*) Solday (*The Leaves of October* by Don Sakers, 1988)

The ninth day is known as:

Octday (*Web of Stars*) Orbakios (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series) Terraday (*The Leaves of October*) The tenth day is known as:

Imparios (Second Terran Empire) (Scattered Worlds series)
Novaday (Web of Stars)
Starday (The Leaves of October)

The 34th day of October is known as:

Piltic ("The Man Who Rowed Christopher Columbus Ashore" by Harlan Ellison, 1997)

The 35th day of October is known as:

Sqwaybe ("The Man Who Rowed Christopher Columbus Ashore" by Harlan Ellison, 1997)

NOTES:

The Martian day, 24.66 hours, is called a "sol."

- The Quneya and Sindarin week was six days long. Númenor generally used both Quenya or Sindarin names of the days, but added a seventh day (Eärenya/Oraearon) between Menelya/Ormenel and Valanya/Tárion/Orbelain/Rodyn.
- A "day" (or "dayye") in the Web of Stars denotes a period of 100,000 seconds, or 27.78 hours.

ONE MORE EVENT

Twenty Minutes into the Future

Edison Carter's digitized personality is used to create the virtual being called "Max Headroom" (*Max Headroom*, 1987-88)

APPENDIX:

On Calendars and Calendar Reform

The civil calendar in use through most of the world today, called the Gregorian Calendar, is a fusion of three separate timekeeping traditions. Each, in its own way, attempted to subdivide the Earth's year of 365.2422 days into more manageable units.

The ancient Egyptian Calendar, which dates from about 3000 BCE, was based on the movements of the sun. It divided the year into 12 months of 30 days each, and added five extra days at the end of each year (an additional day every four years kept the calendar synchronized with the sun). These extra days were not part of any month. Each month was divided into three ten-day periods.

Various Lunar Calendars developed independently throughout the world, most notably in the Fertile Crescent. Based on the 29.53059-day cycle of the moon's phases, a lunar calendar uses months of 29 days and 30 days in a complex alternation. To keep pace with the seasons, years of 12 months and 13 months alternated, with seventeen of the former and ten of the latter in every 27-year period. Both the Hebrew and Islamic Calendars of today are lunar calendars. In the Hebrew Calendar, a year with 13 months is called an "embolismic year."

The Mosaic Calendar, devised about 1500 BCE, was based on a Babylonian invention: the seven-day week. The Mosaic year is divided into 52 7-day weeks, with one day (two in a leap year) added to keep pace with the sun. The additional days are not part of any week. (Such an unattached day, by the way, is called an "intercalary" because it is inserted into the calendar, as it were, "between the lines.")

Later, as the Sabbath became of supreme importance, it became unthinkable to have any single day — much less two in leap years — not attached to a week. If unattached days were allowed, then the steady progression of a Sabbath every seven days would be interrupted once a year, leaving eight or even nine days between Sabbaths. (Apparently God — who had created the 365.2422-day year to begin with, and who surely knew enough math to realize that 365.2422 was not evenly divisible by seven — would be terribly insulted if the seven-day interval between Sabbaths was ever violated. This "reasoning" continues to the present day.)

Ancient Rome originally used a lunar calendar, but the many complex adjustments were badly handled, and by the year 46 BCE the Roman calendar was hopelessly out of synchronization with the seasons of the actual year.

The Julian Calendar

Julius Caesar, advised by the Egyptian astronomer Sosigenes, fused the Egyptian and Lunar calendars to create the Julian calendar of 12 months, each 30 or 31 days long in strict alternation (except Februarius, with 29 days). A Leap Day was added to Februarius every four years. The year 46 BCE (also called *Annus Confusionus* or "The Year of Confusion") was allowed to last 445 days, and then 45 BCE started on schedule on the First of Ianuarius (previously the year had started on the First of Martius). After Caesar's assassination, the month Quintilis was changed to Julius in his honor.

Under the reign of Caesar's successor, Augustus, the Senate renamed the month Sextilis as Augustus, adding a stolen day from February to bring it up to the same 31 days as Julius. Fortunately, this charming custom was not continued, so we are spared the months of Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, and Nero. (Although I must confess that there is a certain perverse poetic justice in the idea of the world celebrating the birth of Christ in a month named for the Emperor who was, very likely, the original Antichrist)

For the record, the names of the Roman months were: Martius, Aprilius, Maius, Iunius, Quintilis (Julius), Sextilis (Augustus), September, October, November, December, Ianuarius, and Februarius.

In 321 CE the Emperor Constantine, freshly converted to Christianity and eager to impose his beliefs on the Empire, fused the Mosaic seven-day week with the Julian 365-day year. (Prior to this, the Romans had alternating weeks of seven and eight days.) Constantine's Decision proclaimed that the year could be legally divided into either months (for secular purposes) or weeks (for Christian religious purposes).

By sanctioning the seven-day week and allowing it to spread throughout the Empire and beyond, Constantine made it all but impossible to arrange a "perennial" calendar — that is, one that repeated from month-to-month, quarter-toquarter, or year-to-year. (Our present calendar repeats every 28 years, with some complex exceptions.) Constantine, thus, is considered by some to be the patron saint of those who print and sell calendars.

The Gregorian Calendar

The Julian Calendar functioned quite well, and far outlasted the Roman Empire. It was, however, slightly out of adjustment, gaining 11 minutes and 14 seconds on the sun each year. Over the course of 125 years, the difference amounts to one full day. By 730 CE, the Venerable Bede pointed out that the year was about six days out of sync that is, the Equinoxes and Solstices were coming about six days earlier than they had in Julius Caesar's time.

Commissions were appointed, committees formed, and after only 850 years a solution was proposed. In 1582 CE, Pope Gregory III ordered what is now called the Gregorian Adjustment: henceforth, three leap days would be omitted from every 400 years. The system used for ommitting these days was simple and elegant: three out of four century years (1700, 1800, 1900) would no longer be counted as leap years. Only those century years divisible by 400 (i.e. 1600, 2000, 2400) would remain leap years. The resulting calendar, called the Gregorian Calendar, would only lose one day in 3,000 years — which was considered Good Enough.

To bring the year back into sync with the sun, Gregory also ordered that the accumulated error — which had grown to ten days by 1582 CE — be dropped from the current year. October 4, 1582 was directly followed by October 15, 1582, and the Gregorian Calendar was in full swing. (There's a murder mystery gimmick in there somewhere: "Where were you on the night of October 6, 1582?")

The Gregorian Calendar was in full swing at least in those areas of the world that acknowledged Pope Gregory's authority. Protestant Europe and England (as well as England's colonies) refused the Gregorian Adjustment until 1752...by which time the error, thanks to the century year of 1700, had grown to 11 days. (That's why George Washington listed his birthday in 1732 as February 11 Old Style *and* February 22 New Style.) Russia resisted the Adjustment until 1918, when they had to subtract 13 days. And the Greek Orthodox world *still* refuses to relinquish the Julian Calendar, putting them 13 days behind Gregorian.

Today, our timekeeping accuracy has reached the point where it is more precise than the rotation of the Earth. Every so often, a single second is added or subtracted from the clock to compensate for variations in Earth's movements. These socalled Leap Seconds are under the authority of an agency with a very science-fictional name: the International Earth Rotation Service, located at the US Naval Observatory. The first Leap Second was added on June 30, 1972. As of this writing, the most recent Leap Second was added on January 1, 1999.

Where to Start?

From the time of the Roman Empire until 532 CE, the Julian Calendar numbered years from the date of Rome's founding in 753 BCE. Thus, when Constantine made his Decision in 321 CE, he considered it to be the year 1075 A.U.C. (which stands

for *Anno Urbis Conditae* or "Year after the Construction of the City.") In 1285 A.U.C., a monk named Dionysius Exiguus, finding time heavy on his hands, sat down to calculate how long it had been since Christ's birth. He came up with a figure of 532 years, and started calling that Year One. The year 1285 A.U.C., under this new system that came to be known as the Christian Era, was the year A.D. 532 (A.D. stands for *Anno Domini*, or "In the Year of the Lord.") All of the years before 1 A.D. were referred to as B.C. or "Before Christ."

As it turns out, Dionysius misplaced a few decimal points, and it is commonly acknowledged that he was a few years off. This leads to a delicious paradox: Jesus Christ was most likely born at least four years Before Christ.

Be that as it may, the Christian Era was well-established throughout Christendom by the time Pope Gregory made his Adjustment.

As the Gregorian Calendar spread to folk who did not necessarily believe in divinity of Christ, it became more common to speak of the "Common Era" instead of the "Christian Era." In the late 20th century, when the Gregorian Calendar became established as the official calendar of billions of non-Christians, the abbreviation CE began to replace A.D., so that one would speak of Apollo 11 landing on the moon in 1969 CE (The abbreviation BCE, for "Before the Common Era," similarly replaces BC.) This is the usage I've followed in this book.

Other folk, of course, still use systems which are not based on the Common Era. The Hebrew Calendar counts from a calculated date for Creation in the year 3761 BCE. Islamic peoples count their years from the Hegira in 622 CE. In science fiction, it is not uncommon for years to be dated from 1945 CE (The Atomic Age), 1958 (the Space Age), or even *Brave New World's* ingenious "In the Year of Our Ford." The Bioregional Calendar counts from the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. In Isaac Asimov's *Foundation* series, years are dated from the formation of the Galactic Empire.

All these schemes for dating years from a specific event

lead to a problem: using negative numbers to indicate years before that event. It is counter-intuitive and downright awkward, for example, that 753 BCE was followed by 752 BCE, or to work out that the Pharaoh Akhenaten's 17-year reign, which started in 1379 BCE, finished in...(mumble, mumble, carry the one)...did everyone get 1362 BCE?

The late geoscientist Cesare Emiliani proposed pushing the starting date of our calendar back to the beginning of the current geological period, the Holocene Epoch — which was more-or-less 10,000 BCE. Since the Holocene Epoch marked the end of the last Ice Age and saw the beginnings of agricultre and civilization, its start is a significant date for the human species. And it's far enough back in time that we would no longer need negative numbers to refer to historical events like the building of the Pyramids or the settling of Australia. The Holocene Epoch has the added benefit of applying to the entire world, not just one nation, culture, or religion.

Conversion from the Common Era to the Holocene Epoch (H.E. for short) could not be simpler. Just add 10,000 to every CE date (so that Armstrong and Aldrin landed in 11,969 H.E.) and subtract each BCE date from 10,001 (so that our friend Akhenaten reigned from 8622 H.E. to 8639 H.E.)

Who Needs Years?

Now, a year is a fairly inexact period for human beings. In an extreme case, consider a favorite sf trope, thermonuclear armageddon. Let's say that the Great War begins at 11 pm on December 31, 2013 and ends at 1 am on January 1, 2014. Future historians, given only the years (2103-2104), will conclude that the Great War lasted a year or possibly two, rather than just two hours. Similarly, a war that starts on January 1, 2055 and ends on December 30 of the same year (a total of 360 days) will be seen by history as comparatively brief. If we're going to count time from an arbitrary date in the past, why bother with years at all? The day is a much more convenient unit for accurately counting events. Why not give up the year, and simply number the *days* from some past event?

In 1583 CE, the French scholar Joseph Justus Scaliger devised just such a system for counting days. Tracing various astronomical and civil cycles back until they all started on the same day, he set January 1, 4713 BCE as his starting date. Scaliger named this system after his father, Julius Scaliger, calling it the "Julian Period" or "Julian Day." The *Eagle*, for example, landed at Tranquility Base on Julian Day 2,440,423.

The Julian Period proved useful to historians, allowing them to effectively compare, say, the Assyrian calendar to the Roman, or ancient Greek dates to ancient Chinese, etc. But it was astronomers who found the Julian Period most useful ... in fact, the system is still used routinely by astronomers today. (Since astronomers work at night, they set the beginning of each Julian Day to noon, rather than midnight. This allows all of a single night's observations to bear the same Julian Day number.)

In her excellent novel *The Outcasts of Heaven Belt* (1978), Joan Vinge goes Scaliger one better. Her spacefaring society dispenses entirely with years, months, *and* days ... instead, they count time in a metric system based on the second. In Vinge's system, one hour is approximately 3,000 seconds (or 3 kiloseconds), a day is about 80 kiloseconds, two weeks is a little more than a million seconds (1 megasecond), and a billion seconds (1 gigasecond) is about 30 years.

(Incidentally, just in case you are dying to know, one second is officially defined as 9,192,631,770 oscillations of the cesium atom.)

Whither the Calendar?

Calendar reform did not stop with Pope Gregory. To this day, many individuals and organizations, impatient with the

Gregorian Calendar's foibles, have suggested reformed calendars. Usually, these are simplified, repeating calendars that can be used perpetually. Just about all of them have been used in various science fiction stories and books.

The simplest is the International Fixed Calendar, in which the year is divided into 13 months of exactly 28 days each. The thirteenth month, called Sol, is followed by an intercalary day (Year Day). In Leap Years, another intercalary day, Leap Day, is added between June and July. Neither of these intercalary days has a weekday associated with it ... so that each year, the New Years weekend has an extra day: Saturday December 28 is followed by Year Day December 29, then by Sunday January 1.

All months have the same four-week calendar: the 1st is always a Sunday, the 28th always a Saturday (unfortunately for the superstitious, the 13th always falls on a Friday). Memorize one calendar page, and you will never need to look at another.

Philip José Farmer used a variation of the International Fixed Calendar in his *Dayworld* series.

The International Fixed Calendar never really caught the popular imagination, perhaps because a 13-month year cannot be divided evenly into four seasons (although the supposed unluckiness of the number 13 probably had a lot to do with it).

Another reformed calendar, The World Calendar, was proposed after World War II. The World Calendar consists of twelve months, divided into four seasons of three months apiece. In each triad, the first month has 31 days, and the next two have 30 days. The first month (January, April, July, and October) begins on Sunday; the second month (February, May, August, and November) on Wednesday; the third month (March, June, September, and December) begins on Friday. Year Day (an intercalary) occurs on December 31 every year, and Leap Day on June 31 of each Leap Year. The New Years weekend would go: Saturday, December 30; Year Day, December 31; Sunday, January 1. The World Calendar is easily the most successful reform calendar. For a time in the late 1950s, it even looked as if the United Nations might adopt the World Calendar. The Vatican endorsed the World Calendar in 1954. The year 1961 was chosen as the switchover year, because January 1, 1961 fell on a Sunday. However, the United States opposed calendar reform "...on religious grounds, since the introduction of a 'blank day' at the end of each year would disrupt the sevenday sabbatical cycle" (according to U.N. Representative Henry Cabot Lodge's March 21, 1955 letter to Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold.) The U.S. went on to recommend "...that no further study of the subject should be undertaken."

Other religious groups opposed the change, and so the World Calendar was put on the world's back burner, where it remains to this day.

Many variations of the World Calendar have been proposed through the years. Isaac Asimov favored a World Seasonal Calendar which eliminated months, dividing the year into four 91-day quarters, plus the usual intercalary Year Day and Leap Day. My own Terran Empire uses a calendar of twelve 30-day months with five intercalary days dispersed through the year (following March, June, September, and December, and preceding January), plus an additional Leap Day every four years.

Other reform proposals have ranged further afield. ASTUC (A Save The Universe Club) proposes A Bioregional Calendar with a four-day week, sixteen "quarts" (or months) of 26-27 days each, and no Leap Years (rather, they count the New Year from the actual moment of the Vernal Equinox, rather than starting at midnight on January 1).

Other Worlds, Other Calendars

Human civilizations on other worlds, as well as alien civilizations, will have their own astronomical cycles to base calendars upon. A variety of Martian calendars have been proposed, to match a year of 668.5990 sols (a "sol" is a Martian day — 24 hours, 39 minutes, 35.9 seconds). This is of more than academic interest; during the Viking and Mars *Pathfinder* missions, Earthbound NASA project scientists lived on a Martian schedule, active when it was daylight at the landing site, and joining their spacecraft in sleep during the Martian night. The most successful Martian calendar, codified by Thomas Gangale, is called the Darian Calendar after Gangale's son.

It has been suggested in sf that far future human civilizations, independent of Earth's astronomical cycles, may switch to a year of exactly 360 days (twelve 30-day months), 400 days (ten 40-day months), or even (à la Joan Vinge) 100,000 seconds (approximately 3 of our years).

Final Words

To close this essay on alternate calendars, here is one particular date — the archetypally science-fictional January 1, 2001 CE — in as many different calendars as I could find:

Bioregional: Grounday, 14 Athwinter, A.H. 70 Darian: Mina 14, M.E. 13 Gregorian (modern civil calendar): January 1, A.D. 2001 Hebrew: 6 Tevet 5761 Holocene Epoch: January 1, 12,001 H.E. Islamic: 6 Shawwal, 1421 A.H. Julian (old civil calendar): December 19, A.D. 2000 Julian Day: 2,451,911 Roman (Julian): December 19, 2754 A.U.C.

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