TRANSPOSING THE DAYS AND MONTHS

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Some logological analysis of the seven days of the week and the twelve months of the year has already appeared in *Word Ways*. In 'A Challenge' (Nov 1975) Dmitri Borgmann lists transdeletions such as MONDAY-NOMAD and NOVEMBER-OVERMEN (supermen), and in August 2009 Dave Morice's anagrammatically titled 'Anagram Calendar - Arranged Almanac' includes some single-word transposals, eg MONDAY-DYNAMO and MARCH-CHARM, as well as multi-word ones like TUESDAY-SEA DUTY and DECEMBER-BED CREME.

This is an attempt to provide single-word transposals for all the days and months. Old variant spellings of the base word like *Wednesday* (Wednesday) and *Octobre* (October) are not included. Neither are names of people, companies, websites, fantasy characters, etc, that look like coined transposals.

Note that more than one derivation has been suggested for the names of some months.

SUNDAY day of the sun


SUDANY variant of ‘Sudani’, an inhabitant of Sudan. [OED]

UNSAID old variant of ‘unsaid’, unspoken.

'What shall I say of them, or rather what shall I leave unsaid.' [*Elizabethan Non-Conformist Texts*, A Pastoral Letter From Prison, Henry Barrow, 1587]

Mys DAYSUN, SADUNY and SAYDUN are localities in Russia, Poland and Iraq respectively. [Geo]

Personal names include DANUSY, DAUNYS, DUSANY, SANUDY, SAUNDY, SUANDY, SUYDAN and YUNDAS. [all Net]

MONDAY moon day

DYNAMO an energetic and forceful person.

NOMADY the state of living as or like a nomad.

DOMANY, MANDOY and MAYDON are communities in Belarus, Spain and Australia respectively [Geo], and AMYDON was the Homeric capital of the Paeonians in ancient Macedonia. [Wiki] Archbishop of New Orleans, Gregory AYMOND and American food critic DAYMON Patterson are listed on Wikipedia.

Other personal names include AMONDY, ANDOMY, DAMNOY, DAMYON, DOMAYN, DOYMAN, MAYOND, MODANY, MODYAN, MOYAND, MYDONA, YAMOND, YODMAN and YOMAND. [all Net]
TUESDAY  day of Tiw, the Norse god of war

AUDESTY   a female given name, as in Audesty Lovett and Audesty Bingham who are on Facebook and other social networking websites. [Net]
DAUTEYS   people with the surname Dautey, such as the five listed in US TDs. Dr Sandra Dautey practises in Southfield, Michigan.
There are Dauteyes in other parts of the world too, including 25 registered on the business networking site LinkedIn [www.linkedin.com (Net)], most of whom live in Ghana.

WEDNESDAY  day of Woden, chief god of the ancient Germanic peoples

SANDWEEDY  abounding in sandweed, another name for sandwort, a plant of the Arenaria family, which grows in sandy locations; of a beach, etc., full of sand and weeds. 'The beach in Crete. Too sandweedy for Jo's tastes, but Erin and I thought it was fine.' [kristi-travels.blogspot.com, Kristi in Europe 2009, 2 Sep 2009 (Net)]

THURSDAY   day of Thor, the Scandinavian thunder god

HUTYARDS   pl. of 'hutyard', an enclosed area near a hut (small dwelling), compare innyard, houseyard.
'During the season one may see in the interior of South China the hutyards of poor people full of peachstones drying in the sun.' [Our Paper, Massachusetts Reformatory, Vol 37, 1920, p83 (Net)]
TRUDYAHS  females named Trudyah, variant of 'Truda' or 'Trudy'. [75,000+ Baby Names for the 21st Century, Lori Cooper, 2010]

FRIDAY   day of Freya, a Norse goddess of fertility

FRAIDY    timid, fearful. [Cassell Dictionary of Slang, Jonathon Green, 1998] Often used in fraidy cat, a coward. [OED, under 'fraid]
RADIFY    to take something mundane and make it 'rad' (excellent, really cool). [Urban Dictionary (Net)]

SATURDAY  Saturn's day, after the ancient Roman god of wealth, agriculture and time

DAUTRAYS  persons surnamed Dautray, such as Robert Dautray, an engineer and physicist at the French Atomic Energy Commission [Net], and I Dautray of Saint-Jean-Sur-Richelieu, Quebec, Canada. [TD]
The Dautrays feature prominently in The Young Pioneers: Or, With La Salle on the Mississippi, E. Everett-Green, 1907.
The family history of the Dautrays had been for many generations a chequered one.'
TRAYAUDS   persons with the French surname Trayaud. There are a number of Trayauds on Facebook, including Jean-Michel Trayaud, Sylvie Trayaud and Zania Trayaud. [www.facebook.com (Net)] According to one website there are 57 Trayauds in France, nearly half of whom live in the Limousin region. [www.locatemynname.com (Net)]
JANUARY after Janus, the Roman god of doorways, because it is the door to the new year

ARUNJAY a male given name of Indian origin. Individuals named Arunjay Kumar, Singh, Katakam, Sharma and many others can be found on the Net. Arunjay is also listed in a collection of Australian boy's names. [www.babynology.com (Net)] Other personal names include ARJUNAY, JUANRAY and RAYJUAN. [Net]

FEBRUARY from Februa, a Roman festival of purification held on February 15

FAREBURY a small town, home of Master Rylus, in the role-playing video game 'Dragon Quest 8'. [dragonquest.wikia.com (Net)]

MARCH month of Mars, the Roman god of war

CHARM power of fascination, attractiveness.

APRIL from the Roman name Aprilis, possibly from Latin aperire (to open), in allusion to its being the season in the northern hemisphere when trees and flowers begin to 'open'.

There are two allowable transposals in international Scrabble.

PILAR pertaining to hair. [OSPD]
PRIAL a set of three.
Here are two others from the big Oxford.
PARIL old form of 'peril'. [OED]
RIPAL situated on the banks of a river. [OED]

MAY after the Greek goddess Maia, associated with fertility

The only day or month with a full set of transposals.

AMY a vial of amyl nitrate. [RHD]
AYM surname of US-based writer Terrence Aym. [Net]
MYA a genus of bivalve molluscs.
YAM a large tuberous edible root, like a potato.
YMA given name of Peruvian soprano Yma Sumac. [Net]

JUNE after Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage

JENU in North American Mi'kmaq folklore, a wild and cannibalistic hairy giant, similar to the Wendigo and to a lesser extent the Sasquatch. [Wiki] Jenu is also a subdistrict of Tubau, a town on the north coast of Java. [Wiki]

JULY after Roman general and statesman Julius Caesar
LUJY  a female forename [www.babycenter.com (Net)], in some cases a diminutive of 'Lujain', a Muslim girl's name meaning 'silver'. [Net]
LYJU  a male given name [kabalarians.com (Net)], which appears 4 times in US TDs.
The first name JYLU is listed several times on Facebook. [Net]

AUGUST  after the Roman emperor Augustus

GAUTUS  a farmstead in the Karas region, Namibia. [Geonames]
GUSTAU  a settlement in Lower Saxony, Germany. [Geonames]

SEPTEMBER  from Latin 'septem', seven, originally the seventh month of a ten-month Roman year

BETEMPER  poetic form of 'tempers', in the verbal sense, which would mean either 'softens, moderates' or 'hardens, toughens'. Several promising hits on Google all proved to be misprints, but there is one instance where the verb 'betemper' is clearly implied.
'You were there - Aching in Heart, Soul
And in Betempering spirit
As you languished in the Cold Beast's Stone Womb.'

OCTOBER  from Latin 'octo', eight, as it was the eighth month in Roman reckoning

BROCOTE  an ancient name for Burcott, a settlement in Herefordshire, England. [Traces of History in the Names of Places, F. Edmunds, 1872]
CORBETO  a surname of Spanish origin. Albert Corbeto is a teacher at EINA, Barcelona, and Sergi Corbeto is the founder of Cookie Box (Transmedia Corporate Stories). [Net] Antonio and Katie Corbeto live in Garden Grove, California. [TD]
ROBOTEC  the name of various business enterprises in many parts of the world, eg Robotec Colombia, Robotec Systems (Germany) and Mercator Robotec (Canada). [Net]

NOVEMBER  from Latin 'novem', nine, originally the ninth month of the Roman year

BREMINOV  the surname of James Breminov, a resident of Kauneonga Lake, New York [TD], and Nikolai Breminov, who is registered on the Facebook website. [Net]
VERBOMEN  variant of Verboomen, a surname of Belgian origin. [www.geneanet.org (Net)] There are five people named Verbomen on the myheritage.com website [Net]. Barbara Verbomen of Wrightstown, Wisconsin, was born c1850 [ancestry.com (Net)], and Tim Verbomen is a resident of Oshkosh, Wisconsin [TD]. Keisha Verbomen is an admin assistant at EGILIA Learning in Brussels, Belgium. [linkedin.com (Net)]

DECEMBER  from Latin 'decem', ten, originally the tenth and last month of the Roman calendar
BERCMEDÉ old variant name for the mark of Berkum, an area of common land near Zwolle in eastern Netherlands. [Nomina Geographica Neerlandica (Geographical Names of the Netherlands), E.J. Brill, 1885]
The mark of Berkum, in the late Middle Ages [was] also known as Bercmede or Berkman.' [www.collective-action.info, Mark Berkum, 2014 (Net)]
Bercmede is mentioned in The Chronicles of the Canons Regular of Mount St. Agnes, by German monk Thomas a Kempis (1379-1471).
'Likewise many of our neighbours in Haerst and Bercmede died of this plague.' [J.P. Arthur(translation), 2009, p56]

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