

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 **Wedensday** (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

DAUNSY downcast, moody. [*American Dialect Dictionary*, H. Wentworth, 1981, dauncy, 1921 quot.]

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

UNSAYD old variant of 'unsaid', unspoken.

'What shall I saye of them, or rather what shall I leave **unsayd**.' [*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 Paenonians 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 **Dauteys** 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.locatemyname.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

BETEMPERS 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.'

[Madiba (A Tribute to Nelson Mandela), a poem by Xavier Mandreza, Philippines, www.voicesnet.org, 2014 (Net)]

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 **Corbetó** 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

BREMENOV the surname of James **Bremenov**, a resident of Kauneonga Lake, New York [TD], and Nikolai **Bremenov**, 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

BERCMEDE 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]

References

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Net Internet, using Google search program

OED Oxford English Dictionary, 2nd ed., 1989

OSPD Official Scrabble Players Dictionary, 4th ed., 2006

RHD Random House Dictionary, 2nd ed., 1987

TD Telephone Directory [whitepages.com (Net)]

Wiki Wikipedia (Net)

Definitions with no source are taken from 'The Chambers Dictionary', 11th ed., 2008

