2026-04-01 - The Quarter of Spells, Map Updates, & Calendars

Intro

Calendar

The world of Hiraeth has been around for more than a decade, as I grow and gain better skills in the world change and grow with me. Sometimes things I wrote in a math classroom when I should have been working on schoolwork in May 13 years ago is one of them. The calendar is one of the many things that have changed over the years, and I hope for the better. This is a small change but I think will have a good impact on play at the table. Renaming the days of the week and months to be less alien and forced, the goal is to make days and months titles feel more special and also have some holidays be.

operates on a mathematically perfect 360-day solar year. Every day represents exactly one degree of planetary rotation around the sun.

For the common folk, scholars, and adventurers, the calendar is a blend of ancient divine reverence and practical, everyday terminology.

Days of the Week

A standard week in Hiraeth now consists of a 10-day cycle, commonly referred to as a "tenday." While scholars and the devout use the ancient divine names, commoners use simplified, modern terms that closely mirror the real world. The weekend consists of the final two days, dedicated to hearth, home, and sunlight.

Day #	Ancient Name	Common Name	Origin / Meaning
1	Pythda	Lyday	Named for Pythia, Goddess of Life. The start of the work week.
2	Loronda	Moonday	Named for Loron, Goddess of the Moon. A day transitioning out of the weekend's rest.
3	Minda	Minday	Named for Minos, God of Time.
4	Voida	Wanesday	Named for Voidos, God of Space (the waning void).
5	Giada	Earthday	Named for Gia, Guardian of the Land. The peak of the agricultural workweek.
6	Matda	Forgeday	Named for Matrix, the Anvil of Destiny. A day of heavy labor, crafting, and industry.
7	Ethearda	Starday	Named for Etherea, Goddess of the Stars.
8	Nyda	Freeday	Named for Nyx, Goddess of Night. The final workday.

Day #	Ancient Name	Common Name	Origin / Meaning
9	Hestda	Hearthday	Named for Hesta, Goddess of the Hearth. A day of rest and family.
10	Bethda	Sunday	Named for Bethtox, God of the Sun. A day of celebration and worship.

The Calendar Year: Seasons and Months

The calendar is built around a 364-day year. This is divided into exactly **360 standard days** (organized into 12 months) and **4 Quarter Days** that mark the shifting of the seasons.

Together, solstices and equinoxes are traditionally known as Quarter Days. To fit the 360-degree rotation and these 4 Quarter Days, each season operates on an identical 91-day structure:

1. It begins with **1 Day Outside a Month** (the seasonal Quarter Day).
2. It is followed by **two 30-day months** (exactly three tendays each).
3. It concludes with **one 29-day month**.

Months vs. Zodiacs

It is important to note that **the calendar months are not the Zodiacs**. The months are simply the periods of time used to track the year.

The Zodiacs (often referred to in different cultures as "The Sky Signs" or "The Ascendants") are the dominant celestial constellations that happen to be visible in the night sky during those specific months. For example, a person born in the month of *Novnus* is born under the *Zodiac of The Matrix*, but the month itself is distinct from the stars overhead. Zodiacs are a possible mechanic in PC creation we are still expiremented with.

Winter (The Stillness)

Quarter Day (Day Outside a Month): The Nadir

Month #	Ancient Name	Common Name	Days	Dominant Zodiac
1	Novnus	Deepwinter	30	The Matrix (The Hero)
2	Ultcicero	Dawning	30	The Son (The Prince)
3	Concis	The Thaw	29	The Phoenix

Spring (The Growth)

Quarter Day (Day Outside a Month): The Vernal Awakening

Month #	Ancient Name	Common Name	Days	Dominant Zodiac
4	Rifis	Springtide	30	The Frog
5	Inder	Monsoon	30	The Hammer

Month #	Ancient Name	Common Name	Days	Dominant Zodiac
6	Gradum	Greengrass	29	The Leaf

Summer (The Heat)

Quarter Day (Day Outside a Month): The Zenith

Month #	Ancient Name	Common Name	Days	Dominant Zodiac
7	Tristis	Highsun	30	The Horse
8	Mutare	The Turn	30	The Ship
9	The Watcher	The Harvest	29	The Iris

Fall (The Fading)

Quarter Day (Day Outside a Month): The Autumnal Balance

Month #	Ancient Name	Common Name	Days	Dominant Zodiac
10	Umbra	Leaf-fall	30	The Cart
11	Galious	First Frost	30	The Snow Wolf
12	Nocturum	Year's End	29	The Knights

Map Changes

The Map has undergone some massive changes over the last year. New countries added, coastlines refined, and the map fleshed out. You can see the changes here.

Harold Ford is an island now?

RoseWin's coast is more sweeping and mashy.

New Level Up Word

In order to build out the rites of our D&D group I put forward an anitive to come up with what we say and so dor level up Scott choose the word "**Bojangles**" and Wicke choose the sound from Final Fantasy.

The BIBLE **2.0**!

What started off as a collection of google docs moved to a Obsidan folder syned via git has balloned to include charecter options, out dated world lore, and so much more. It is time for a soft reset. This might mean I ask for more info sometimes or help filling in some details.

I plan for this not be a shadow wiki but more of a more advanced stratchpad without the granulare details.

New Game Style Done

Some of you know that I have been engaging with a 1:1 diplomacy style game where you were a head of state. Surprise, that was actually a group game! The other states were played by other players. I thought it would be in good fun and some of you in my Friday game have already seen these conflicts really cause a trickling effect.

Spells Added

Bello in the drop down is a list of all the new spells added, their levels, school, people that can use them and a short discription.

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