



FRIDAY WAS SACRIFICED TO SATURDAY
BY A MOUNTAIN OF GOLD AND LARDER'S A

WITCH

Friday the 13th

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Friday the 13th occurs when the thirteenth day of a month falls on a Friday, which superstition holds to be a day of bad luck. In the Gregorian calendar, this day occurs at least once, but at most three times a year. Any month's 13th day will fall on a Friday if the month starts on a Sunday. Some believe in general or through racial traditions. In addition, determining the origins of superstitions is an intricate science. In fact, it's mostly guesswork. Consequently, several theories have been proposed about the origin of the Friday the 13th superstition. One theory states that it is a modern amalgamation of two other superstitions that witness to an unlucky number and that Friday is an unlucky day.



EVERY FRIDAY IT WAS BELIEVED
THAT THE DEVIL WALKED
DOWN TO EARTH WITH BLESSED WINDS WITHIN.

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Friday has been considered an unlucky day at least since the 14th century's The Canterbury Tales, and many other practitioners have regarded Friday as an unlucky day to undertake projects or begin new projects. In manufacturing, the number seven is considered the number of completions, so for the number fifteen is considered complete, thus ensuring little complications. There is also a superstition, thought to stem to derive from the Last Supper or a Norse myth, that having thirteen people seated at a table will result in the death of one of the diners.

The actual origin of the superstition though, appears also to be able to trace mythology. Friday is named for Frigg, the love-spirited goddess of love and fertility. When Norse and European tribes converted to Christianity, Frigg was translated to obtain to a moon deity and labeled a witch. Every Friday it was believed the spirit/goddess possessed a meeting with devils called witches, and also the devil, a gathering of devils, and pinned some of fate for the week that is coming.

For many centuries in Scandinavia, Friday was known as "Witcher" (Witch), another theory about the origin of the superstition traces the event to the arrival of the legendary knight, King Philip's quest to conquer the Knights Templar were a monastic military order founded in Jerusalem in 1119 C.E. whose mission was to protect Christian pilgrims during the Crusades. Over the centuries, the knightly Templar became increasingly powerful and wealthy. "Misused by that power and eager to regain their wealth, King Philip's severity ordered the mass arrest of all the Knights Templar in France on Friday October 13, 1312. Friday the 13th.

According to the Storm Management Center and Public Institute in Asheville, North Carolina, an estimated 17 to 23 million people in the United States are affected by a lot of this day. Some people are as pacified by fact that they avoid their normal routine in doing business, taking flights or even getting out of work. "We have estimated that \$3,000 to \$400 million in loss in business on this day". Despite this, representative for both Delta and Continental

airlines say that their airlines don't suffer from any serious decline in travel on these Fridays.

There are conflicting studies about the risk of accidents on Friday the 13th. The Dutch Centre for Insurance Statistics (CVI) on June 12, 2008, stated that "fewer accidents and reports of this and that occur when the 13th of the month falls on a Friday than on other Fridays because people are generally more careful or just may have statistically speaking, driving a slightly safer on Friday the 13th, at least in the Netherlands in the last few years. Dutch insurers were incidents each Friday, but the average figure when the 13th fell on a Friday was just 7,500. However, a 1993 study in the British Medical Journal that compared the rates of traffic accidents between Friday the 13th and Friday the 13th stated that there is a significant increase in traffic-related accidents on Friday the 13th. There are indications that there are more accidents on Fridays than average weekdays irrespective of the date, probably because of alcohol consumption. "However it is less relevant for this purpose to compare Friday the 13th with any Friday the 13th.

Some events are intentionally scheduled on Friday the 13th for dramatic effect. They include OJ's "The Ride at Thorpe Park, UK was opened on March 13, 2008. Coincidentally the ride was named by "nothing problems" for the first few days after it was opened. Black Sabbath's upcoming double album was released on the 13th and Friday February 13, 1976. The 13th fell in a series of unfortunate events was released on the day, October 13, 2008 by Lemony Snicket, also known as author Daniel Handler. Even if the number eleven in the Friday the 13th series, including the most recent (book of a novel that) were released on a Friday the 13th.

Due to the large number of events that happen on the second calendar but could be compiled for any combination of day of the month and day of the week. Even that there have been notable for being linked to the concept of Friday the 13th in other literature. Chasler made (book) in south Florida on Friday August 12, 2009. The "Friday the 13th Show" about 8000, New York on Friday, October 13, 2006. The Justice Peace? took at 1983 occurred on Friday October 13, 1976. ■