

Kali's Feet

What have I to do with temples or priests? The Lotus Feet of Kali are enough.

At the time of dissolution,
I am neither
female nor male.
I am Brahmani,
Creating the worlds.
I am Vaishnavi,
Protecting the worlds.
I am Rudrani,
Taking all things back.

Mahakali, who art terrible, Thou who art eternal, Thou who art the moon and happiness itself, I joyfully worship Thee with flowers, incense, and sandalwood.

The Henna Page® Calendar 2016

Foreword

The 2016 Henna Page Calendar

This is the eleventh edition of the ever-evolving project known as the Henna Page Calendar. From the beginning, our calendar has been a team effort and the importance of teamwork has increased over the years. Every image you see in this year's calendar involves at least five people's work. The initial image distills the efforts of the model, the body artist and the photographer. Our friend and colleague and sometime model, Elizabeth Howard, writes the accompanying poems. We send the photos and the texts to Alex Morgan, who does the graphic montage. Alex's delivery of the final calendar images is always a wonderful mid-Autumn surprise and it's always a pleasure for us to bring the results of our work to you each year.

The 2016 Henna Page Calendar is available as a free download at our website at: http://www.hennapage.com/henna/calendar/index.html

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Arianrhod

Keeper of the silver wheel Of the stars, The silver wheel That steers the great ship. Watch: The ship descends Into the churning sea, The unknowable depths. See: she rises again, Shedding salt tears, And carries warriors to the Moon-land, where they Revel among the stars.

January

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Wulf, My Wulf

You are on one island; I on another. To my people, You are like a gift.

They will kill you If you come as a threat.

They have carried our Wretched whelp to the Wood, Never to return.

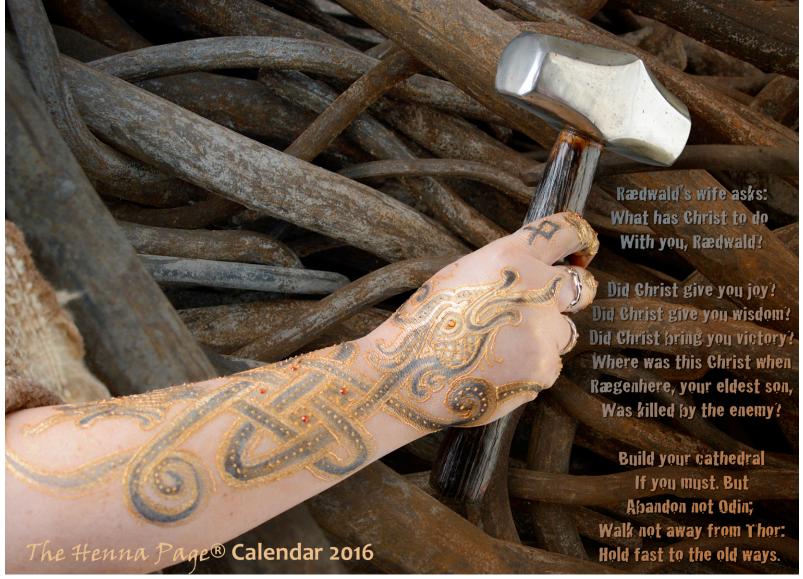
They will kill you If you come as a threat.

Easily torn asunder is That which was never truly United.

The song of the two of us Together.

February

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Rædwald's Wife

Rædwald's wife asks: What has Christ to do With you, Rædwald?

Did Christ give you joy? Did Christ give you wisdom? Did Christ bring you victory? Where was this Christ when Rægenhere, your eldest son, Was killed by the enemy?

Build your cathedral If you must. But Abandon not Odin; Walk not away from Thor: Hold fast to the old ways.

March

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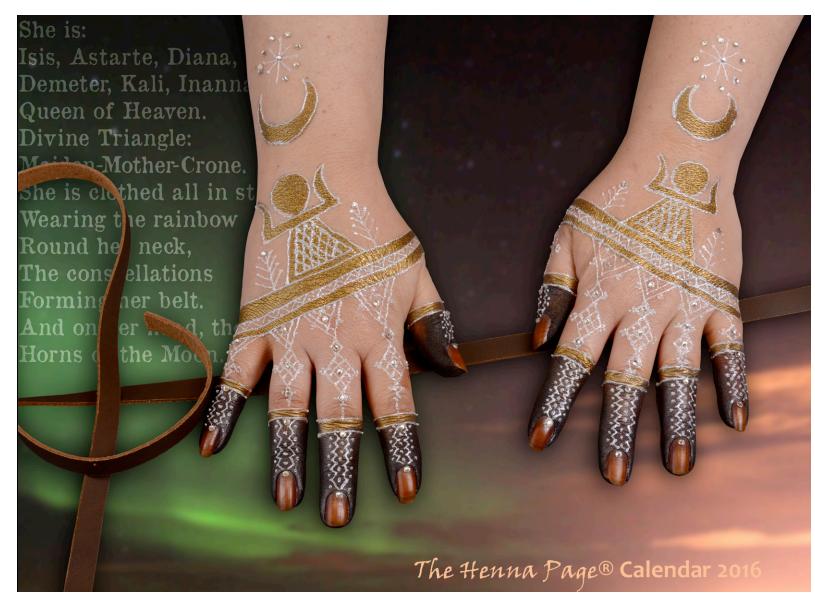


Saraswati

Goddess of wisdom,
Fair as the
Jasmine-colored moon
Shining with
Exquisite lustre,
Enthroned on a
Pure, white lotus,
By your favour,
Grant us
Divine inspiration.

April

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She is:

Isis, Astarte, Diana,
Hecate, Demeter,
Kali, Inanna,
Queen of Heaven.
Divine Triangle:
Maiden-Mother-Crone.
She is clothed all in stars,
Wearing the rainbow
Round her neck,
The constellations
Forming her belt.
And on her head, the
Horns of the Moon.

May

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Scarlet Tulips

High in the mountains
Of Kurdistan, where
Snow finally meets sun,
Farhad loved Shirin.
Her father,
Haughty, scheming,
Sent a crone with his lie:
Shirin is dead.
Farhad, frenzied, grieving,
Ran his horse over
The steepest cliff.

From his blood, Scarlet tulips Bloom forever.

June

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The Oath

I will keep this oath until Fimbulwinter freezes The Nine Worlds, until Jörmungandr rises From the ocean And poisons the sky, until Heimdall blows his horn, And Baldr returns From the dead.

I will keep this oath until The Aesir and Jotun Fight on Vigrid Plain, until Fenrir breaks his chains, Until Sköll and Hati eat The Moon and Sun, and Surt sets all Nine Worlds Aflame, laughing While they sink into The boiling sea.

I will keep this oath.

July

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Flèche d'Or

She boards the train, Looking back at him Only once. She turns away, A single tear glistening. In her gloved hand, A daylily.

August

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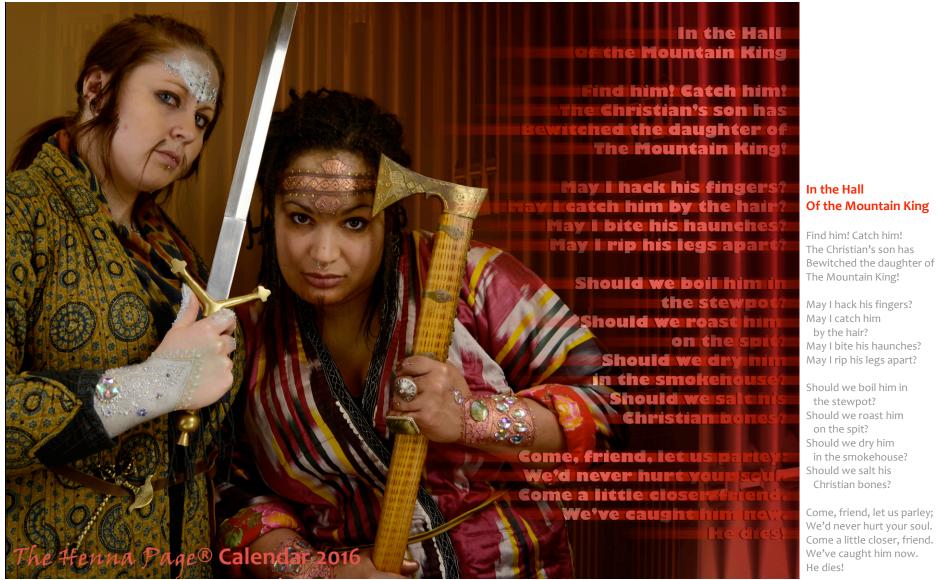


The Psychopomp

O, Great Jackal who Bridges Life and Death, Accept my prayers; Who devours the dead and Swallows their hearts, Guard my steps on this Earthly plain; Who weighs souls on The Scales of Ma'at, Cleanse my spirit; Who guides the worthy To the afterlife, Lead me to the True path; Who protects the places Of the Dead, Shelter me; Teach me to have to fear. Anubis: Hear my prayer.

September

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on the spit?

in the smokehouse?

Christian bones?



Queen Mab's Promises

Which road of These three? To Heaven? To Hell? Or wilt thou Come with me?

Come home with me, For I've brewed the wine And mead for thee.

Come home with me, And I will rest In my bed with thee.

Come home with me, And Faerie songs I'll teach to thee.

Come home with me; Come home with me; And Thomas the Rhymer Thou ever shalt be.

November

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The Gifts

My son, I give you the four corners of the earth, and you, in return, will bring the world to us.

My daughter, I give you protection from the evil eye, and you, in return, will guide us with your wisdom.

December

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