



Menhet

Phaophi

September - October 2008

How to use this Calendar

● 1 Menhet
III Akhet 10
14 October

Heru established as heir;
Guard the eyes of Heru,
Shu & Tefnut judge; The
Procession of Heka,
Khonsu & Djehuty (Thoth)

Each month begins with the New Moon and lasts through the entire lunar cycle to the next New Moon. In the example shown here the New Moon is signified by a dark circle ●. Full Moons, too, were very important in Ancient Egyptian religion. These are indicated on the calendar by a circle with a white interior ○. The first line gives the name of the Ancient Egyptian month as well as the day. In the example shown here we see this as the first day of the month of Menhet. The next line indicates the date of the stellar calendar, which has also been termed the “civil” calendar by Egyptologist Dr. Richard Parker. This calendar begins with the rising of the star Sirius at dawn and extends throughout the year for 360 days. There are three seasons within the Egyptian year; Akhet (innundation), Peret (emergence/growth), and Shomu (low-water & harvest). In the example shown here the second line specifies that it is the 3rd month (indicated by the Roman numerals) of the season of Akhet, and that it is the 10th day of the stellar/civil month. The third line shows the current Western calendar date. In this case the date shown is the 14th of October. In this way all three calendars are correlated together for easy reference.

The remainder of the calendar gives the names of the various festivals that were observed. Some of these were local celebrations with ceremonies held at specific temples. While others were observed throughout all of Egypt.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>● 1 Menhet II Akhet 25 29 September Decan: Pehwey-djat Procession of Heka, Khonsu, Djehuty; Shu & Tefnut judge the followers; Guard the Eyes of Heru.</p> <p>(Ogdoadic Tide - Tempus Consilii through month)</p>	<p>2 Menhet II Akhet 26 30 September Decan: Pehwey-djat Procession of Heru-Ur (Horus the Elder) to visit his mother Nit</p>	<p>3 Menhet II Akhet 27 1 October Decan: Pehwey-djat Djehuty orders the healing of Heru's injured eye.</p>	<p>4 Menhet II Akhet 28 2 October Decan: Pehwey-djat Feast of Gambiaus & Nebtu; Anpu (Anubis) inspects the place of embalming.</p>	<p>5 Menhet II Akhet 29 3 October Decan: Pehwey-djat Festival of Nun, Hwt-Hrw is offered the Phallus; Feast of Ausir (Osiris) and the Ennead.</p>	<p>6 Menhet II Akhet 30 4 October Decan: Pehwey-djat Feast of Menhet; Feast of Aset (Isis).</p>
<p>7 Menhet III Akhet 1 5 October Decan: Tjemat</p>	<p>8 Menhet III Akhet 2 6 October Decan: Tjemat Procession of Hwt-Hrw.</p>	<p>9 Menhet III Akhet 3 7 October Decan: Tjemat Day of Jubilation in the heart of Ra; Navigation of Heru's barge.</p>	<p>10 Menhet III Akhet 4 8 October Decan: Tjemat Procession of Bast.</p>	<p>11 Menhet III Akhet 5 9 October Decan: Tjemat</p>	<p>12 Menhet III Akhet 6 10 October Decan: Tjemat</p>	<p>13 Menhet III Akhet 7 11 October Decan: Tjemat</p>
<p>14 Menhet III Akhet 8 12 October Decan: Tjemat Procession of Khnum-Ra; Eve of Opet.</p>	<p>15 Menhet III Akhet 9 13 October Decan: Tjemat Appearance of Ra at night with his followers; Feast of Amun; Opet.</p>	<p>○ 16 Menhet III Akhet 10 14 October Decan: Tjemat Feast of Amun, Nit, Ausir & the Ennead, Eye of Heru; Opet.</p>	<p>17 Menhet III Akhet 11 15 October Decan: Weshaty Feast of Amun, Opet; the Greater & Lessor Nine come forth from the Nun.</p>	<p>18 Menhet III Akhet 12 16 October Decan: Weshaty Feast of Amun, Khnum & Anukis, Opet</p>	<p>19 Menhet III Akhet 13 17 October Decan: Weshaty Feast of Amun, Opet; Procession of Hwt-Hrw to the river; Appearance of Nun to erect the Djed</p>	<p>20 Menhet III Akhet 14 18 October Decan: Weshaty Feast of Amun, Opet; Procession of Hwt-Hrw to the river.</p>
<p>21 Menhet III Akhet 15 19 October Decan: Weshaty Feast of Amun, Opet; Procession of Hwt-Hrw to the river; Nit visits Atum-Ra-Horakhty.</p>	<p>22 Menhet III Akhet 16 20 October Decan: Weshaty Feast of Amun, Opet; Procession of Hwt-Hrw to the river; Feast of Ausir.</p>	<p>23 Menhet III Akhet 17 21 October Decan: Weshaty Feast of Amun, Opet; Procession of Hwt-Hrw to the river.</p>	<p>24 Menhet III Akhet 18 22 October Decan: Weshaty Feast of Amun, Opet; Procession of Hwt-Hrw to the river.</p>	<p>25 Menhet III Akhet 19 23 October Decan: Weshaty Feast of Amun, Opet; Procession of Hwt-Hrw to the river; Feast of Ptah & Heka..</p>	<p>26 Menhet III Akhet 20 24 October Decan: Weshaty Feast of Amun, Opet; Procession of Hwt-Hrw to the river.</p>	<p>27 Menhet III Akhet 21 25 October Decan: Bekhaty Feast of Amun, Opet; Procession of Hwt-Hrw to the river; Lighting the firs of Nit; Feast of Montu.</p>
<p>28 Menhet III Akhet 22 26 October Decan: Bekhaty Feast of Amun, Opet; Procession of Hwt-Hrw to the river; Feast of Montu, Ankuis, Satis; Procession of Menhet-Nebtu in the countryside.</p>	<p>29 Menhet III Akhet 23 27 October Decan: Bekhaty Feast of Amun, Opet; Procession of Hwt-Hrw to the river.</p>	<p>30 Menhet III Akhet 24 28 October Decan: Bekhaty Feast of Amun, Opet; Procession of Hwt-Hrw to the river; Feast of the Great Luminary (Heru of Edfu); Procession of Heru-Mau.</p>				