

## Janus

Today is January 7, 2025. January is named after the Roman mythological god Janus. Janus is a figure with two heads. He separates the future from the past. See One Eternal Round pages 266 – 268. The two headed figure in Facsimile 2 is at the twelve o'clock position on the circle: the beginning and ending of any period of time. Around the first of January, we review the events of the past year and anticipate those of the coming year.

Figure 2 in Facsimile 2 also holds a staff in his hand which the notes in the Facsimile designate as the key of power. In Roman mythology, Janus was also the god of doorways and is always shown with a key. Janitors are named after Janus and are known for the ring of keys on their belts.