

## Appendix F - Zhodani Calendar

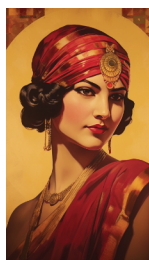


The standard Zhodani calendar follows a year on Zhdant and is comprised of 244 local days or **zhdanstial** of 27.02 standard hours each (local days on other worlds are simply called **stial**). The year or **chten** is divided into six months, also known as **shidr** or *seasons* of 40 days each.

Each **shidr** has a color associated with it, corresponding to the visible spectrum observed on Zhdant. Because the solitary main star of the Zhdant system, Pliebr, is a K-class dwarf star that radiates more strongly in the red end of the spectrum, rainbows on Zhdant appear very different than on Terra. The light from Pliebr peaks at about 650nm, or deep red; the rest of the visible spectrum covers the familiar orange, yellow, and green wavelengths. Blue and Violet are almost entirely unknown on Zhdant, and Pliebr puts out almost no ultraviolet light.

The colors associated with the **shidr** follow this pattern. The **zhdanzhdanstial** holidays each have a pair of colors associated with them, one of which is a metallic shade.

### Dranzhrin (𐌆𐌹𐌺𐌵𐌹𐌺𐌹𐌺𐌹𐌺𐌹)



The Zhodani calendar begins with the **zhdanzhdanstial** of **Dranzhrin**, the new year celebrated annually on the Vernal Equinox between **Ashtiavl** and **Atrint**. This holiday celebrates both the end of the cold of winter and the beginning of the rainy spring season. Its colors are **tatlitik** and **zhotlik**, red and gold.

## Atrint (ᠠᠷᠢᠨᠲᠤ)

The rainy spring season of **Atrint** (“Rain”) follows the late winter thaw and is the first **shidr** on the Zhodani calendar. Atrint is traditionally associated with preparing the fields in the first half of the season and planting during the latter half. During Atrint, fishermen prepare their boats for the spring fish migrations.

The color associated with **Atrint** is **tatlitik**, red.

## Viepchaklstial (ᠦᠢᠯᠠᠰᠤᠯᠰᠢᠯᠠ)

The **zhdanzhdanstial** of **Viepchaklstial** (“Moon Day”) occurs between **Atrint** and **Vrienstial**, marking the transition from the rainy spring season to the warmer summer season. It is a holiday that in modern times is largely a holdover from an earlier time when the moon Viepchakl held religious significance. Though its original purpose is long forgotten, the holiday is still celebrated as a festival of wild abandon. Zhant’ad are encouraged to celebrate with a night of partying and debauchery (a relative term in the Consulate), while the nobility tend to be more reserved in their revelry. The following weeks often see an increase in re-educations.



The colors associated with Viepchaklstial are **qiltik** and **viepanzhelik**, green and copper.

## Vrienstial (ᠦᠷᠢᠨᠰᠢᠯᠠ)

The **shidr** of **Vrienstial** (“Heat”) is the summer season of Zhdant, when temperatures rise and the winds shift bringing dry air from across the desert to the western coastlands.

The color associated with **Vrienstial** is **chtopiatlik**, orange.

## Atchafser (ᠠᠲᠴᠠᠫᠰᠢᠷ)

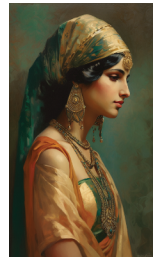
**Atchafser** (“Waning”) is the autumn season when the heat of the summer begins to fade and the weather becomes cooler and more temperate. The crops are maturing during this season and farmers prepare for the harvest.

The color of **Atchafser** is yellow.

## Dranzhrinatch (ᠳᠷᠠᠨᠵᠢᠷᠢᠨᠠᠳᠠᠳᠤ)

The autumnal equinox between **Vrienstial** and **Atchafser**, when the early harvests of the year are traditionally brought in and the boats are prepared for the autumnal fish migrations. **Dranzhrinatch** is also a time when the Zhodani commemorate the dead and is associated with feelings of sadness and melancholy.

The colors of Dranzhrinatch are **zhotlik** and **qitlik**, gold and green.



The color of **Ataniebl** is **qitlik**, green.



The final **zhdanzhdanstial** of the Zhodani calendar is **Kazdievstial**, a harvest festival held between **Ataniebl** (“Waning”) and **Ashtiavl** (“Freezing”). Kazdievstial is traditionally a day of feasting and celebration in preparation for the cold winter season.

The colors of **Kazdievstia** are **qitlik**, **kamotik** and **va'anzhelik**; green, purple and silver.

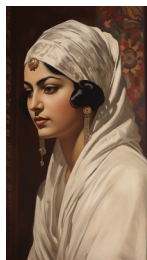
The fifth **shidr** of the Zhodani calendar is **Ashtiavl** (“Freezing”), the cold winter season that follows the harvest. The northern sea coasts become covered in ice and the growing season ends in the northern hemisphere.

The color of Ashtiavl is **qitlik**, teal.

The year ends with **Atpiapr** (“Thawing”), the season between the freezing days of Ashtiavl and the warmer, wetter spring season of Atrint.

The color of Atpiapr is **kamotik**, purple.

Every three **chten** a special holiday, **Teqozastial** (Third Year Day, often mistranslated as “Olympiad Day”) is added as a “leap day” to synchronize the calendar. This day is inserted after **Dranzhrin** and serves also as the day for announcing council election results and winners of the **Teqozdievl** Psionic Games.



Every ninth year the **Teqozastial** celebration is extended by an additional day; this is called **Atlteqozastial** or Great Third Year Day.

The color of **Tegqozastial** is **izhtak**, white, matching the color traditionally worn by dlenchiepr competing in the **Tegozdievl**.

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