



JIM C'S QUIZ OF THE WEEK

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The glowing ruby should adorn those who in warm July are born; then will they be exempt and free from love's doubt and anxiety.

HOW DID THE TERM "*JULY*" ORIGINATE?

Definition: "The 7th month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar."

History: The Roman republican calendar was a dating system that probably evolved from the Greek lunar calendar. The original Roman calendar appears to have consisted only of ten months (Martius, Aprilis, Maius, Junius, Quintilis, Sextilis, September, October, November, and December) and of a year of 304 days.

In 46 BC the Greek astronomer Sosigenes convinced Julius Caesar to reform the Roman calendar by changing the number of days in the months to achieve a 365 day year. Julius Caesar also added 90 days to the year 46 BC between November and February in order to "catch up" the seasons with the tropical year.

Online Etymology: July - "Circa 1050 A.D. from Anglo-French *julie*, Old French *Jule*, from Latin *Julius*, renamed after his death (44 BC) and deification in honor of Gaius Julius Caesar."

Conventional Wisdom: July = Summertime and It's Hot

Moment of Zen: There ain't no cure for the summertime blues