

NAMES THAT BEGIN WITH B: THEIR ORIGINS AND MEANINGS



Premier Benito Mussolini

Baudouin of Belgium

Princess Barbara Hutton

Blanche Sweet

Berenice Taylor

Barbara Stanwyck

Blanche Ring

Barbara La Marr

King Boris of Bulgaria

Beatrice Lillie (Lady Peel)

By Kathleen McLaughlin

NAMES are so intimately associated with personalities that their traditions, their derivations, and their evolutions from one language into another provide an absorbing topic—especially to parents seeking appropriate names for the most recent additions to the family circle.

Last Sunday in this section, a list of given names beginning with the letter A was presented as the first of a series, together with data on the origins and the significance of several of the most widely used. Today the series continues with the initial B group.

It is of interest to note that in the dawn of history, in the Old Testament era, names conferred by parents on the eventual patriarchs of the Hebrews were descriptive phrases, which have been handed down from generation to generation. Thus Joseph was so called because he was not the first child, the old Hebrew translation of the name being "Addition." When Benjamin was born, his mother, Rachel, feeling that his birth must cost her own life, called him Benoni, meaning "Son of sorrow," which his father modified to Benjamin, interpreted "Son of my right hand."

Thus many names in use today originated in the old Hebrew tongue, being varied somewhat in spelling and pronunciation as they were adopted by other nations and races. Many more hark back to the Teutons and reflect meanings closely associated with the deities and the warlike spirit of the people who first used them. These include

"B" NAMES: A FIRST AID LIST FOR PUZZLED PARENTS

Initial B names, with definitions and the language from which the original derives—English, Teutonic, Slavic, Greek, Latin, Keltish, Hebrew, Bohemian, Italian, Phenician, Erse, Russian:

BOYS		GIRLS	
Baldwin (Eng.)—Prince friend	Bernaldo (Teu.)—Bear's power	Babette (Heb.)—God's oath	Berta (Teu.)—Bright (Epiphany night)
Barnabas (Heb.)—Son of consolation	Bertin (Teu.)—Bright friend	Barbara (Gr.)—Stranger	Berthe (Teu.)—Bright battle maid
Berry (Kelt)—Looking straight at the mark	Bertold (Teu.)—Bright power	Bathsheba (Heb.)—Daughter of the oath	Bertrude (Teu.)—Bright speech
Bertholomew (Heb.)—Son of furrows	Bertram (Teu.)—Bright raven	Beatrice (Lat.)—Blessed	Bianca (Teu.)—White
Berthram (Heb.)—Bright raven	Bethlem (Heb.)—House of bread	Becky (Heb.)—Noosed cord	Bibiana (Lat.)—Living
Basil (Gr.)—Kingly	Bevis (Teu.)—Bow	Beffane (Gr.)—Manifestation	Biddy (Kelt.)—Strength
Baudouin (Teu.)—Princely friend	Biagio (Lat.)—Babbler	Belinda (Ital.)—Serpent	Bille (Lat.)—Wise old woman
Bede (Kelt)—Life; (Teu.) Prayer	Bill (Teu.)—Helmet of resolution	Belle (Phen.)—Oath of Baal	Blanche (Teu.)—White
Bedwulf (Teu.)—Commanding wolf	Birger (Teu.)—Protecting warrior	Bellona (Lat.)—Warlike	Blenda (Teu.)—Dazzling
Benito (Lat.)—Kind	Bjorn (Teu.)—Bear	Belphoebe (Gr.)—Fair light	Boadicea (Kelt.)—Victory
Benedict (Lat.)—Blessed	Bob (Teu.)—Bright fame	Bema (Gr.)—Fair speech	Branca (Teu.)—White
Benji (Lat.)—Blessed	Bogislaus (Slav.)—God's glory	Benedette (Lat.)—Blessed	Brenda (Teu.)—Sword
Benjamin (Heb.)—Son of the right hand	Bohumir (Bohm.)—God's peace	Benita (Lat.)—Kind	Brenhilda (Teu.)—Breast-plate battle maid
Benoni (Heb.)—Son of sorrow	Bonaventure (Lat.)—Well met	Benyna (Lat.)—Kind	Brensis (Kelt.)—Strength
Benvenuto (Ital.)—Welcome	Boniface (Lat.)—Well doer	Bertha (Teu.)—Bright	Bride (Kelt.)—(also Bridget—Eng.)
Beppe (Heb.)—Addition	Boris (Russ.)—Fight	Berengaria (Teu.)—Bear spear	Brietta (Irish); Brigid (Erse); Brigitta (Swed.); Brita (Swed.), and Brites (Portuguese)
Bernard (Teu.)—Firm bear	Boyd (Kelt.)—Yellow	Berenice (Gr.)—Bringing victory	Britomaris (Gr.)—Sweet maid
	Bruno (Teu.)—Brown	Berghild (Teu.)—Protecting battle maid	

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many references to battle and to animals. The various traits of the latter—strength or cunning or speed—were commemorated in Teutonic titles. Few names in this category were suggested by complexions, which frequently inspired the Keltic clans—"the ruddy," "the yellow," "the dark," "the white," being applied in numerous instances to distinguish a man or a maid.

Some names beginning with B originated thus:

Baldwin—Derives from Baldr, which in several of the ancient tongues meant a prince. In Anglo-

Saxon it appeared as Baldric, or princely ruler. The father of William the Conqueror's Matilda was Baldwin.

Bryan—From the root brig, indicating force or strength. Had its origin in mythology in the god Briareus, also known as Aegeon, after whom the Aegean sea is named.

Bob—Evolved from the original Bruadperant, a Frankish name meaning bright fame. From that form came another, Ruprecht, and thence Rupert, which was Anglicized to Robert. Bob is a familiar diminutive.

Bernard—Probably from Biornhard, first used by the Franks, meaning "resolution of a bear," ergo, steadfastness.

Berenice—Comes from the Greek word for victory, which was applied to a goddess as of the feminine gender, and became a favorite with princesses of the Greek kingdoms of Syria and Egypt. From there it came into Herod's family.

Blanche—Is a contradictory term, meaning white in some languages and black in others. As applied to Anglo-Saxons it means white (all colors) rather than black (absence of color).

SOOTHING THAT 'WRONG NUMBER' FEELING



(Acme photo.)

WRONG telephone numbers are less annoying in London. After dialing your number there and failing to get the connection, your ears and feelings are soothed by the dulcet voice of Miss Helen Everett, pictured above. She was chosen for the quality of her voice to make a film record. This record goes into operation automatically to announce

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RACCOON COATS ON THE HOOF



(Acme photo.)

RACCOON coats are quite familiar to all who attend college football games, but the animals that produce the fur from which they are made are not so often in the public view. The mother and young raccoon pictured above were caught out by the cameraman only because the youngster had inad-

vertently, or mischievously, escaped from the family nest in the dead limb of a tall tree. Usually raccoons leave home only after dark. The name raccoon is believed to be a corruption of the American Indian word "arrathkune." The animals are omnivorous beasts and wash their food before eating it.

HOW THE RADIO FAN CAN APPLAUD



Ginger Rogers

ONE of the greatest drawbacks in the profession of radio entertaining, according to the entertainers, has been the lack of contact with the audience. Many successful stage and concert performers have failed on the radio because they were deprived of that invisible, indefinable something which an audience in a theater transmits to the performer

on the stage. Hereafter, due to an invention perfected by Dr. Neil Hopkins, pictured above with his wife, this obstacle may be overcome. The invention is what might be called a radio "applause machine." It is a device by which radio listeners, by pressing a button, may indicate whether or not they liked the program.

AS ABOVE, SO BELOW by Wynne

Look for your birthday or the group in which it appears throughout the following notes—it may be mentioned more than once. Mark it with a pencil wherever you see it, and then pay attention to the counsel given.

SOCIAL AND ROMANTIC

GET around and see your friends; don't take them for granted—especially if your birthday is Feb. 24-March 4, April 6-15, Aug. 29-Sept. 6.



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THIS WEEK FOR EVERYBODY: WHAT THE STARS FORECAST

or Oct. 10-19. Favorable this week for entertaining if you were born Feb. 13-March 8; pay your social debts. Combine the social with occupation, if possible, if you are a native of May 11-June 4. Men of Oct. 14-Nov. 6 and women of Nov. 29-Dec. 22, if eligible, can make this week pleasant in love affairs. The romantic and artistically creative are powerful now in the lives of those born April 6-29 and Dec. 1-24—make it count in some original manner. Also romantic for those born Nov. 29-30, and June 5-8.

PERSONAL

Personality is the label on your bottle of ability and talent. Take steps toward improvement, especially if born

Feb. 13-March 8, March 31-April 3, or Sept. 17-Oct. 10. This last mentioned group can make forward strides now in self-development and consequent rewards, financial and otherwise; grasp your opportunities, Ricardo Cortez, Paul Muni, and Phil Cook. Take your responsibilities seriously if born Jan. 30-Feb. 22; you really wouldn't enjoy life if it was all French pastry. Those born March 31-April 23 should avoid too strenuous enthusiasm, anger, and intellectual fevers this week—avoid dangerous ideas, too. Favorable for planning writing, buying and selling, if you were born March 7-30. The sands are shifting in your affairs if you were born April 2-25, Aug. 9-Sept. 1, or Oct. 15-23.

MATRIMONIAL AND LEGAL
If you are a native of Feb. 5-28 or Oct. 5-28, especially if you are a woman, and have no domestic

problem, count yourself fortunate and a good manager. This applies particularly to those married in the groups mentioned. If you are old enough and have the right mate, now and for the next few weeks, at least, looks favorable for taking the important step if you were born March 15-April 7. Remember: the right mate is more important than a favorable time for marriage. If in this group just mentioned or born Aug. 17-Sept. 9, and already married, renew your vows and make the home happier than ever. Deal with those younger and their affairs, if born Oct. 14-Nov. 28. Be cautious in legal matters, including those of matrimony, if born Aug. 2-26 (note overlap on part of this group) Sept. 8-Oct. 26.

SCANDAL

Avoid the cause and you avoid the effect. Be wise in regard to what makes scandal, particularly if born March 8-May 17, including all of April, or Sept. 8 to Oct. 2. Avoid self-undoing.

OCCUPATION AND BUSINESS

Go after the best that is coming to you with superiors and in general buying and selling if you entered the world Dec. 16-Jan. 7, June 3-July 22, or March 7-30. Write, travel, advertise for better results in business if born March 7-20, March 22-April 4, or Sept. 9.

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