The Moon Regulates the Weekly Sabbath

As proved by the Creation account found in Genesis 1 Surprised?

In fact, Genesis 1 reveals a lot more than we were ever taught.

Sit down, Buckle up, Hang on, Brace yourself, Don't blink, It's in Scripture ... and, there will be a test! ... A final exam you DON'T want to fail.

Before the 2001 Feast of Trumpets, my wife asked, "The feasts are all regulated by the moon. **Leviticus 23** says that the Sabbath is the first feast, so why don't we keep the Sabbath by the moon?"

To which I replied... "Well, the Creation week proves that every seventh day is the Sabbath." I continued by adding, "There is no astronomical event in the heavens on a seven day cycle which proves the Creation week in spite of the theory of evolution. Time has never been lost. The 'Jews' have never lost sight of the Sabbath and they keep Saturday which proves that the Sabbath is not regulated by the moon."

Sounded good, right? Interestingly, Scripture does not support a single thing I said to my wife. Not one thing! If you disagree, please use this as an invitation to find out the truth for yourself. You will be amazed at what we have been taught for all these years and ashamed that you have fallen for it without even thinking to examine the evidence.

For instance, every time Israel went into captivity or apostatized they lost sight of the Sabbath. Here is one example of many...

And He hath violently taken away His tabernacle, as if it were of a garden: He hath destroyed His places of the assembly: YHVH hath caused the solemn feasts and Sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of His anger the king and the priest. Lamentations 2:6

Friends, when YHVH causes you to forget something, you will have forgotten it indeed. Because of their many apostasies, Israel lost sight of the Sabbath many times and had to be re-educated.

Without time, there is no motion. Without motion, there is no time. Time is measurable only when there is movement or interaction between heavenly bodies. Without that motion, time stands still. When Joshua commanded the sun and moon to stand still (**Joshua 10**), what happened?

Time <u>ceased</u> for about the space a day.

Did this cosmic phenomenon affect the count of this day in any way? Not at all; when the sun and moon did finally move again, time commenced. We are not given a date, but if that day began as the 17th day of the month, it did not become the 18th until the lights in the heaven said so. Fascinating! It was just a looong day as we might measure it today, consisting of nearly 48 hours instead of 24. Time as we measure it is artificial, it is man-made, and therefore a counterfeit measurement.

From Scripture we find that the Sabbath is the seventh day of the <u>Creator's</u> week and that there is a luminary that regulates the appointed times, including the Sabbath (**Genesis 1:14**, **Psalm 104:19**, **Leviticus 23:1-3**).

"Saturday" as we understand it did not exist at Creation or when Israel initially observed the Sabbath, so without hard evidence is it reasonable or safe to say that "Saturday" is the seventh day of the **Creator's** week?

We have been told that "The weekly cycle is not dependent on the moon, since the weekly cycle had already started before the moon was created. The moon and the sun were created in the fourth day. Thus one spin of the earth is all that was required."

Is this a valid argument? Weren't we given permission to examine all the evidence? Are we not permitted to prove all things, hold fast that which is good, (I Thessalonians 5:21)? Aren't we admonished to try the spirits whether they are of YHVH: because many false prophets are gone out into the world, (I John 4:1)? Sometimes we must dig a little deeper than just the surface.

"There is no excuse for anyone in taking a position that there is no more truth to be revealed, and that all our expositions of Scripture are without error. The fact that certain doctrines have been held as truth for many years by our people, is not proof that our ideas are infallible. Age will not make error into truth, and truth can afford to be fair. No true doctrine will lose anything by close investigation." *Review & Herald*, 12-20-1892

Do these verses bar the Sabbath from close scrutiny? Has the Sabbath been safe-guarded in some way while every other institution of YHVH has been attacked and counterfeited? The Adversary has a counterfeit for everything else established by the Creator, why would he ignore the Sabbath?

"We are to be sanctified through the truth. The word of G-d presents special truths for every age. The dealings of G-d with His people in the past should receive our careful attention. We should learn the lessons which they are designed to teach us. But we are not to rest content with them. G-d is leading out His people step by step. <u>Truth is progressive</u>. The earnest seeker will be constantly receiving light from Heaven. What is truth? should ever be our inquiry." *Signs of the Times*, 5-26-1881 [All emphasis added]

Truth is what? Static? Here is an indictment of modern churchianity: Can you name even ONE new **truthful** doctrine, new light, that has been taught from the pulpit of the mainstream denominations in the last 100 years?

"Those who walk in the light will progress... <u>Truth is progressive</u>; and those who are preparing for the last great day will go forward in accordance with the accumulated light which shines upon them. ... The truth which G-d's messengers have presented by pen and by voice, the treasures of the word of G-d which they have opened to the people, the light which has penetrated the darkened chambers of the mind, will, if rejected, be witnesses against them in the last great day. The testimony which will come with condemning power upon the sinner, and which will close his mouth before G-d and testify of his guilt, is the fact that he saw the light, but for various reasons in harmony with the carnal heart, would not receive it. He would not receive the truth that was given to save him." *Review & Herald, 1-05-1886*

Truth is what? Immovable?

"The <u>truth</u> of God is <u>progressive</u>; it is always onward, going from strength to a greater strength, from light to a greater light. We have every reason to believe that the Lord will send us increased truth, for a great work is yet to be done. In our knowledge of truth, there is first a beginning in our understanding of it, then a progression, then completion; first the blade, then the ear, and after that the full corn in the ear. Much has been lost because <u>our</u> ministers and people have concluded that we have had all the truth essential for us as a people; but such a conclusion is erroneous and in harmony with the deceptions of Satan; for truth will be constantly unfolding." *Signs of the Times*, 5-26-1890

Truth is what? Frozen in time? Does it sound like the feet of truth are set in concrete or is there an unfolding of truth that moves one beyond the clutches of Babylon?

It is not the truth that hurts us, it is that we have been taught and believed so many things that are <u>not</u> <u>true</u>. Truth wears no mask. Bows at no human shrine. Seeks neither favor nor applause. She asks only a hearing.

Truth moves forward—it does not return to Rome like a dog returns to its vomit. Truth is progressive; it unfolds revealing ever more evidence that Yah's ways are higher than our ways. The truth is that EVERY denomination is steadily returning to the embrace of Rome. Alfred Rivera, a former Jesuit soldier who successfully got out of this Catholic order once said that there was a well known international sign that was to proclaim to all Jesuit society members when all religious denominations had been successfully infiltrated. When an American president was sworn in facing an obelisk, this was the sign that all religious denominations were under the control of the Jesuits. In 1980, Ronald Reagan was sworn in facing the Washington Monument. For the first time in American history, an elected president was sworn in on that side of the White house, facing an obelisk. There is more Babylon in the churches today than there was yesterday—the decline is that rapid.

One author said it best, "We have many lessons to learn, and many, many to unlearn..." *Review & Herald, 7-26-1892*. If you are scoring this at home, we have twice as many things to UNlearn as we have yet to learn!

Is the Sabbath an issue of Salvation? It most certainly is; which leads to several other questions...

- Is it a sin to examine the foundation of the Sabbath?
- Of course, the Sabbath is the seventh day, but the seventh day of what?
- What constitutes a "week" in Scripture?
- Has the Sabbath been safeguarded in some fashion when every other institution of YHVH has been attacked and counterfeited by the Adversary?
- Does YHVH require a pagan/papal calendar in which to safeguard His Sabbath?

I ask these questions, not to cast a shadow of suspicion upon the Sabbath, rather to make sure that we understand the Sabbath as intended in Scripture. Any doubt raised is in our human understanding of the Sabbath, not the Sabbath command itself. There is a POSITIVE command in Scripture to observe the Sabbath. If Saturday Sabbath is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, then there should be no fear in examining the evidence to see if this day is supported. No true doctrine will lose ANYTHING by close investigation! Let me share with you why I believe it is a good idea to examine the foundation of the day that most Sabbitarians call "Sabbath".

Ever heard of a dual counterfeit? Only the enemies of YHVH would accept an obvious counterfeit, but for the more elect, the Adversary has a not-so-obvious counterfeit. For instance, Baptism by immersion is indicated in the New Testament.

Which one do you participate in?

- Sprinkling is the obvious fraud. Only the enemies of YHVH would miss such easy instructions, that of immersion.
- Baptism by immersion, but immersion in the <u>titles</u> of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rather than in the Name as is our example.

Friends, what we have here is a dual counterfeit; one is obvious, the other not-so-obvious.

How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be Almighty, follow Him: but if Ba'al, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. I Kings 18:21.

Ba'al is the obvious fraud, but what about "the <u>LORD</u>"? Every time you read LORD or GOD in all capital letters, the underlying Hebrew is YHVH, the Creator's Name.

Ba'al means "Lord" in Hebrew. In Hebrew there is no deception, His Name is YHVH, (which is how the Hebrew reads) but in English there is no right answer from which to choose.

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Which day do YOU keep holy?

- Sunday, the current first day of the pagan Roman/papal calendar
- Saturday, the current seventh day of the pagan Roman/papal calendar.

I say "current" because these days were not always the first and seventh days of the week, respectively.

As a side note, I find it interesting that we pronounce the "n" in Woden's day (Wednesday), but we don't for "Saturn's day" (Saturday). Have you ever heard of a Satyr? The cloven footed half-man, half-goat—the universal symbol of Satan himself?

Sunday is the obvious fraud. Only the enemies of YHVH would observe Sunday, in honor of the pagan sun-god. But every Satyrday, of every week, of every year, Sabbatarians everywhere, in spite of themselves, worship on **Satyrday** — a day named after Satan himself.

Very cleverly, the Adversary receives his worship every week, all year long, by sincere folks who believe they are following YHVH.

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Even if Saturday really is named after Saturn, don't think we are going to get off the hook so easily. Saturn worship is the oldest form of Satanism and is clearly and historically linked to Satyr, the horned goat. Please feel free to connect the dots... Satan (or Pan) is called the "Horned God"

Pan a lusty satyr, half-man, half-goat, was given to every form of licentiousness and debauchery.

Kronos, the father of the gods.....for a certain wicked deed, was called **Titan**, and cast down to hell.

Kronos is none other **than Satan himself**. **Titan**, or **Teitan**, as it is sometimes spelled, is the Chaldee form of the Hebrew word **Sheitan**, the common name of the Adversary.

In the region where the **Chaldean Mysteries** were originally concocted,--that **Adversary who was ultimately the real father of all the pagan gods**,--and who (to make the title of **Kronos (Saturn)**, "the Horned One," appropriate to *him* also) was symbolized by the Kerastes, the *Horned* serpent.

Horned goat, horned serpent, father of the gods, Satan (Adversary)...hmm. Kronos (Satan) claims to be in charge if TIME! Kronos is where we get our work Chronology, the study of time. Kronos, said another way, is also Father Time.

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of Elohim:

I will sit also upon the mount of the <u>congregation</u>, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. **Isaiah 14:13-14**

The word *congregation* here is the Hebrew word Mo'edim, which means "appointed times". A mountain in Scripture is a controlling power or authoritarian presence. What Satan is proclaiming here is that he will sit on the mount of the appointed times. He is saying that he will control the calendar, and the appointed times. And indeed he does.

Now, the name **Saturn** in Chaldee is pronounced **Satur**; but, as every Chaldee scholar knows, consists only of four letters, thus — S T U R. This name contains exactly the Apocalyptic number 666...

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S = 060

T = 400

U = 006

R = 200

Alexander Hislop's The Two Babylons, chapter 7, section5
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Truth is a two edged sword. If we are going to condemn "Sunday" observance as worshipping on the "venerable day of the Sun," Satyrday Sabbath keepers need to look in the mirror. Is worshipping on a day named after Satan any better? Satyrday bears the name of our enemy.

"The Sabbath question is to be the issue in the great final conflict in which all the world will act a part. Men have honored Satan's principles above the principles that rule in the heavens. They have accepted the spurious sabbath, which Satan has exalted as the sign of his authority. But God has set His seal upon His royal requirement. Each sabbath institution bears the name of its author, an ineffaceable mark that shows the authority of each. It is our work to lead the people to understand this. ... God has called us to uplift the standard of His downtrodden Sabbath. How important, then, that our example in Sabbathkeeping should be right. *Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 6, p. 352-353*

Fact: A counterfeit has to look a great deal like the original. Sunday cannot rightly be called a Sabbath (spurious or otherwise) as it is not the seventh day of anything. Sunday does not "look" like a Sabbath nor do I believe the above author was referring to Sunday as a spurious Sabbath. Sunday is the obvious fraud. Satyrday, however, looks a lot like the 7th day, **half** of a very clever dual counterfeit.

When we who observe the Creator's Calendar worship on the Gregorian Satyrday (or any other pagannamed day of the week) it is because that particular day falls on the seventh day of the Creator's Calendar—a cycle established at Creation. When Satyrday Sabbatarians worship on the seventh day (of every week) it is because the calendar they observe tells them that it is the seventh day of their weekly cycle—a cycle established by Rome.

A historical shot is about to be fired over the bow of Satyrday "sabbath" keepers. Ignore this warning at your own peril. Satyrday is a Roman day of the week. It is their invention, so they control the terminology, the day's placement in the week, and in fact, everything about this day. Brace yourself...

Satyrday was originally the FIRST DAY of the Roman week, not the seventh.

In *Shawui Sabbath: Ancient Sabbath Observance*, the author states... "Early historical records clearly confirm that very early Gentile Christians also kept the same Sabbath Calendar as the...Nazarenes. This practice was first changed by [Pope] Sixtus in 126 A.D. and later officially changed by a royal Roman decree from the emperor Constantine. Observance of the Sabbath day was made illegal and observance of a "Sunday" of a <u>fixed week</u> was made mandatory for all except farmers. <u>Previous to this time the Roman Saturday was the *first* day of the Roman week</u>. The veneration of the Sun in the second century A.D. began to pressure Roman culture to *change* the first day of their week from Saturnday to Sunday." [All emphasis my own.]

It was during the fourth century that the planetary week, the continuous 7-day cycle named after Roman planet-gods, was written into Roman law. At this time, "Sunday," was named the first day of the seven day planetary week, and was tabbed as the day of rest for the Empire. This move bumped the original first day all the way back to the seventh column. It is a historical fact.

Here is a second witness...

Talking about the time prior to the Diaspora, Hutton Webster tells us that, "An old and still common theory derives the Sabbath institution from the worship of Saturn after which planet the <u>first day</u> of the astrological week received its designation. The theory is untenable for more than one reason. In the first place the Hebrews did not name their weekdays after the planets, but indicated them by ordinal numbers. In the second place <u>Saturn's day began the planetary week</u>, while the Jewish [Hebrew] Sabbath was regarded as the <u>last day</u> of the seven, a suitable position for a rest day. And in the third place neither the Hebrews nor any other Oriental people ever worshipped the planet Saturn as god and <u>observed his day as a festival</u>." *Rest Days*, *p. 243*.

My intention is not to offend anyone. What I am presenting is from Scripture and the historical account and we need to honestly examine the evidence. If it is TRUTH, if it is sustainable by YAH's Word, then should we fear to move forward?

The historical account is, by itself, devastating enough. So, PLEASE put aside your present understanding of the calendar made by man and let's see what Scripture has to offer on this subject.

Prepare yourself! Yah's Word is even more devastating to your present understanding of the calendar than the above brief historical account. Behold, the Word...

In the beginning, Elohim created the heavens and the earth,

And the earth was without form, and void; and <u>darkness</u> was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Elohim moved upon the face of the waters.

And Elohim said, Let there be light... And there was light.

And Elohim saw the light, that it was good: and Elohim divided the light from the darkness.

And Elohim called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. Genesis 1:1-5

What did YHVH make on the first day? Light you say? Friend, did you miss the Creation event that occurred prior to the creation of light? It says, "In the beginning, Elohim CREATED heaven and earth." This was a **time consuming event** that took place. Obviously, there were many things created prior to "day one" when light was created. What was the <u>first</u> thing created (as far as humans are concerned)? The heavens and the earth! However, it does not say, "and the evening and the morning were the day," after this first creation event.

Why? Because the sun had not been created yet.

Is there any light in the universe that does not have a source? It would be ridiculous to say that YHVH was the light source during day one because He <u>is</u> a Being of light. On day one of earth's Creation Week He didn't create the light that emanates from Himself. The light referred to in **Genesis 1** separated light from darkness, created Day and Night, with 24 hour cycles as a result. The light from YHVH does not do this. The book of Revelation says that where YHVH is—there is no night.

When we read about the "first day" of Creation, Elohim said, "Let there be light," and there was light... And the evening and the morning were the <u>first day</u>. What light regulates the day? There is only one luminary in the cosmos, as seen from earth, that can regulate an evening and morning; that can divide light from darkness, and cause day and night to come upon the earth.

The SUN!

Isn't it interesting that after Elohim created light, then and ONLY then was there an evening and a morning that made the first day. "Houston, we have a problem..."

How can we have a "day" as seen from earth before the sun was "created" on day four? Interestingly, there is an evening and morning for the second day of creation and an evening and a morning for the third day of creation all **BEFORE** the sun was made on day four. Days are regulated by the sun! How is this possible? The evidence from Scripture reveals that the sun was ignited on DAY ONE! Friends, YHVH created the **heaven** and the earth on this un-numbered creation event that took place before the "first day".

Earth was without form and void. Evidently the other heavenly bodies must not have been in much better shape. On this un-numbered creation event Yah put into place all the material He would need, then He advanced upon this material for six days before He rested.

Evidently, after this un-numbered creation event, the sun was just a big ball of gas, then on day one...



And the evening and the morning were the <u>first</u> day.

I know what you are thinking...
"I've never HEARD of such a thing.
Scripture doesn't say that, does it?"

Yes, it does. Not in English, but the underlying Hebrew supports this understanding.

The star in our solar system is our major source of light. Is it not also rightly said that this star is the only light source that could possibly separate day from night on this earth? So as strange as it sounds, it appears that the other heavenly bodies were created at the same moment that this blob of earth was initially created. This is made evident by the phrase: *In the*

beginning, Elohim made the <u>heaven</u> and the earth. So YHVH lit the sun on the first day of creation therefore creating light (and Day and Night as a result). The proof for such an odd statement is found in the language used in the *fourth day* creation account:

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for <u>signs</u>, and for <u>seasons</u>, and for <u>days</u>, and <u>years</u>:

And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God <u>made</u> two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

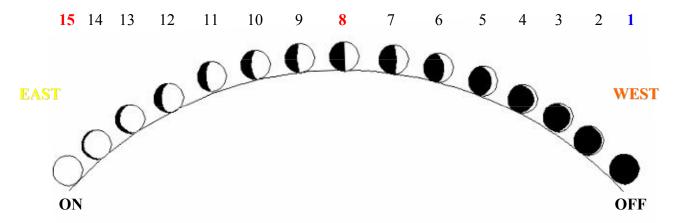
And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. Genesis 1:14-19

This word "made" (Strong's H# 6213) is used several times during the creation week. This is the Hebrew word asah, (ah-saw). The Hebrew word bara means something was created from scratch, asah means advanced upon or appointed, made, like making a bed in the morning. For example: He appointed (asah) the moon for seasons... Psalm 104:19. Here David very nearly quotes Genesis 1:14, only he's very specific about the role of the moon. Seasons here in Psalm 104:19 is the same Hebrew word found in Genesis 1:14; mo'edim, appointed times or set feasts.

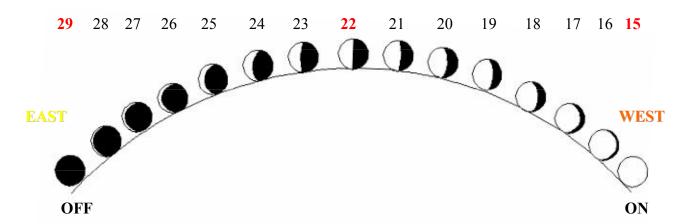
Here's the scenario: YHVH created the earth and other celestial bodies at a certain point in time. He doesn't call it a day because the time piece that regulates the day was not yet ordained as such. Then on day one, YHVH lights the sun creating light and, of course, day and night as a result. If the earth and sun were created during the initial event, it is plausible that the planets, moons, etc., were created at the same time as well. We are not wresting Scripture when we make this statement because the underlying Hebrew could have been (and we are suggesting—should have been) translated in this way.

So on day four, YHVH <u>advanced upon</u> the luminaries that He had created earlier [when He created the heavens and the earth and then illuminated on day one], and ordained them, <u>appointed</u> them as time keepers. The moon rules the week/Sabbath (signs) and the month (seasons). The sun rules the day and the year. The moon is listed as having a roll in the Creation Calendar as well as the sun, so the Creation calendar is NOT solar only.

The Hebrew word translated as *signs* is *ôwth* (Strong's H#226) and means signal or beacon—like the lights of a radio tower or a lighthouse. These lights turn on and off just like the moon, which just happens to enter a different phase approximately every 7 days. The sun rises and sets every day, but other than being higher or lower on the sky's dome depending on the season, it looks the same every day. The moon however is a different story. In the northern hemisphere, face south. From the "OFF" position, from day 1-15, the moon waxes brighter and brighter each night from right to left (just like the Hebrew language is read) until it is fully luminous...



When it could be said to be turned fully "ON". Then it wanes until it is fully UN-illuminated.



From day 15-29, the moon is effectively, turned "OFF."

As mentioned earlier, the Hebrew word translated in both **Genesis 1:14** and **Psalm 104:19** as *seasons* is of course, *mo'ed*, (Strong's H#4150) meaning appointed times. The feast days, new moons and Sabbaths are these appointed times. How can we know that these days are ruled by the moon?

Well, what day of the sun is it now? Can someone go out and look at the sun and tell me what day it is? The ancients could tell the days of the week/month by the moon and so can we. However, you cannot identify the days of the week by the sun. It looks the same every day. Interestingly, the moon enters into a different phase approximately...every **Seven Days**, so it can/does regulate the Sabbath!

Need more evidence? Read **Ezekiel 20:12** and **20:20**. These are two witnesses. The Sabbath is a *sign* between YHVH and His people. That word sign [*ôwth*] is the identical Hebrew word used in **Genesis 1:14** (<u>signs</u>, seasons, days and years). The Sabbath is not only a sign, but **Leviticus 23:1-3** shows that the weekly Sabbath is YHVH first *feast* (same Hebrew word again, mo'edim, which David says is regulated by the moon). And indeed, the weekly Sabbath was the first appointed time kept by Adam.

So, on the fourth day, YHVH made TWO great lights. He—ASAH—appointed, advanced upon these luminaries and ordained them as time keepers, He set their boundaries. He gave them their job description. The moon would be a weekly beacon (signs) and identify the monthly appointed times (seasons). The sun would rule the day and the year.

Notice the role of the moon is listed before that of the sun, thus, YHVH created a lunar/solar calendar. Pagan Rome (46 B.C.), and later Papal Rome (1582) eliminated the moon from the calculation of their calendar creating a solar only calendar.

Whom do <u>you</u> serve? It is a historical fact that whoever is in charge, is in charge of the calendar. March 1 (kind of in the spring of the year) was originally the first day of the Roman year. In 153 B.C., Rome changed the beginning of the year to January 1, a change of 2 months. Need witnesses?

Ever wonder why September (which means seventh month) is the ninth month of the present calendar? Or why October (which means eighth month) is the 10th month. Or why November (which means ninth month) is the 11th month. Or why December (which means tenth month) is the 12th month of the Gregorian calendar?

Rome is not finished yet.

- In 46 B.C., the Roman emperor, Julius Caesar eliminated the new moon from the calculation of the months.
- In 321 A.D., the Roman emperor Constantine venerated the day of the sun making Sunday the first day of the planetary week, bumping Satyrday from the first day to the seventh day column.
- In 1582, the Roman Pope Gregory XIII lopped off 10 days of the calendar. Thursday, Oct 4th was followed by Friday, Oct 15th. (No problem? A 7 day week does not go into 10 evenly.)

Now the Gregorian calendar is nearly universal in use. And he shall think to change <u>times</u> and laws. **Daniel 7:25**. And all the world wondered [wandered] after the beast, **Revelation 13:3**. Brethren, when YHVH lit the sun on day one, the moon was immediately illuminated as well. Though not yet ordained it began keeping time at the same moment as the sun. It has been under our noses (or over our heads) the whole time, but until we took the time to contemplate YHVH's calendar in relation to the pagan/papal calendar, we looked but we could not see.

The moon as a time keeper is not predicated upon the existence of man. It was keeping time before man was created. Eight "days" after the initial creation event (**Genesis 1:1**) Yah ordained the first Sabbath. Which was indeed the 7th day of the week, but it was the 8th period or cycle from the initial creation event in **Genesis 1:1**, again proving that the new moon is not a week day.

Genesis 1:1 would have taken place on the day I have called day one below in blue, which is immediately followed by creation week...

1 – dark phase of the moon, called "new moon" 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 - Sabbath

Now THINK for a moment. When the second month came around, we have no problem saying that the new moon day was the dark phase of the moon. So what did the first new moon of the first month look like? It was dark too, because the sun was not illuminated until the first work day (day 2 of the month), just as presented above. Notice that with this understanding, the Sabbath is indeed the seventh day of the week, but it is the eighth day of the month. WE ARE NOT CHANGING THE SABBATH COMMAND AT ALL. This is Sabbath reform, not rebellion. The sun tells you that a new day has begun; the moon tells you which day it is. If there is no moon, the ancients did not count it against the week, it was neither a work day nor rest day. In ignorance we have all encountered months like April and July (in 2006) and thought nothing of it. The "satyrday sabbaths" are on the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th days of the month, but the seventh day of the week. If you have no argument with this arrangement on the Gregorian calendar, why would anyone object to it on the Creation Calendar?

There are some who reject this Sabbath reform because there are (admittedly) 8-9 days between the last Sabbath of a month (the 29th day) and the first Sabbath (the 8th day) of the subsequent month. Indeed, there are one or two new moon days during this segment of time. These folks INSIST that the Sabbath has been EVERY seventh day since Creation and reject the Creation Calendar because they see this as an 8 or 9 day week. Can you find for me in Scripture the instructions that seven day weeks would run consecutively without interruption? Can you please find me the instruction from YHVH that says the Sabbath is EVERY seventh day in Scripture? Can you find for me in Scripture the instructions that say that Satyrday is the Sabbath?

You will not find any answers for these questions in Scripture because this method of time observation is "assumed" to be Scriptural. You will however find answers in the Julian/Gregorian calendars, only by the decree of Caesar and Pope. Thomas Paine said it best: "A long habit of <u>not</u> thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right." Satyrday, as the seventh day of the week, only goes back as far as 321 A.D., prior to that it was the FIRST day of the pagan planetary week. Again let me ask, whom do you serve?

There are no 8 or 9 day weeks in Scripture, only 7 day weeks. New Moon days do not count against the week. They are not week days, they are neither work days, nor Sabbaths (save for the 7th new moon). But they are there nonetheless and must be reckoned with. **Ezekiel 46: 1, 3** clearly indicates that the new moon days are a third category of day, separate from the common work day and Sabbath. **Amos 8:5**, **II Kings 4:18-23** and **Isaiah 66:23** are all witnesses that say the same thing. The new moon days are worship days, not work days. Israel would not buy wheat or corn on these days and the Shunammite father clearly made the distinction by reaping in the field on a day was NOT a new moon day or Sabbath.

Every weekly Sabbath that can be date identified in Scripture is either on the 8th, 15th, 22nd or 29th days of the month. These dates fall on the approximate four phases of the moon... There are NO exceptions. The only way this can happen is for the Creator's calendar days to be regulated by the moon and for us to put the New Moon days back where they belong, as a third category of day.

Once again, here are the arguments against observing the Creation Calendar.

- Creation week proves that there is a Sabbath every seven days.
- There is no celestial body in the heavens on a seven day cycle.
- Man has never lost track of time.
- Israel has never lost sight of the Sabbath.
- The sun and moon were created on the fourth day, so there can't be a "lunar" Sabbath only three days later.
- The weekly cycle is not dependant on the moon since the weekly cycle had already started before the moon was created.

Does the Creation week prove that every seventh day in succession is the Sabbath? It does not! It only proves that the Sabbath is the seventh day of each week.

Does **Genesis 1** tell of a signal or beacon on a seven day cycle? Yes it does! That beacon is the moon which enters a different phase approximately every seven days.

Has man lost track of time? Indeed we have! We certainly have been blind to the changes man has made to Yah's calendar

Has Israel or the "Jews" ever lost sight of the Sabbath? Most Definitely! Every time they apostatized. The historical landscape is littered with Israel's apostasy. **Amos 5:26** tells of a day Israel would worship a star god they would make for themselves. Chiun is Hebrew for Saturn.

Was the sun and moon created <u>from scratch</u> on the fourth day? Apparently not! Not unless there is another way to regulate a day, because there were THREE evenings and mornings, three days and three nights that occurred before day four. That is THREE witnesses. They were **appointed** or **ordained** on day four.

Is the weekly cycle independent of the lunar cycle? It is not! Is there a luminary in the heavens that regulates the Sabbath? Yes, there is!

THE MOON.

The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, My people <u>doth not</u> consider. **Isaiah 1:3**

YHVH loves you so much that He put His calendar in the heavens where man can't mess with it. And don't think for a second that the laws of heaven have been suspended JUST for you.

"The most useful piece of learning for the uses of life is to <u>unlearn</u> what is <u>untrue</u>." Antisthenes, written somewhere between 444 - 371 B.C.

The Cloud is moving. We need either to follow or be left in the wilderness.

Respectfully submitted,

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