

Is a Lunar-based Sabbath considered

Moon Worship?

In Scripture, as well as in the written history of paganism, the sun is considered masculine and the moon feminine. Thus, according to those opposed to the Mighty One of Creation, there was a sun “god” and a moon “goddess”. I don’t deny this. Those who understand the Creator’s calendar and Creation Sabbath do not deny that pagans worshipped this way. Indeed, mankind has exalted the creation over the Creator and has made “gods” of nearly everything under the sun, including the sun.

Should we then consider the sun, moon and stars as evil? Is there anything wrong with “observing” these luminaries in the heavens? Is there anything intrinsically wrong with the evergreen tree in **Jeremiah 10:1-5**? No, there is nothing wrong with the evergreen; however, there is something very wrong with the man-made *Christmas* tree. Are you worshipping your wristwatch if I ask you for the time and you “look” at it? If not, then it is misguided to say that those who look to the heavens to tell what day it is are worshipping the moon.

Students of Yah’s Word will appreciate this study. His sheep will hear and recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd. Those opposed to the Sabbath of Creation now have another hurdle to overcome.

These are definitely the last days. The old waste places are being rebuilt and the old paths are being restored, **Isaiah 58:12-14**. If you will actually READ the passage in **Isaiah 58** above, you will discover that the original Sabbath of Creation is probably the final thing to be restored in the last days.

If you are like most Sabbath keepers, there are two main responses to the above statement.

1. What do you mean the Sabbath is to be restored in the last days? The Israelites have been keeping the seventh day of the week since the exodus. I worship on the same day of the week as do they.
2. Yes, I already know about the Sabbath. It is Saturday, the seventh day of the week, not Sunday, the first day of the week as presented by Catholicism and her equally unchaste daughters, apostate Protestantism.

Person #1 assumes that the Sabbath does not need to be repaired. The person of #2 assumes that the path they are on has already been repaired. Both are grossly in error. The problem for person #1: Every time Israel apostatized they lost sight of the Sabbath. And at times, because of their apostasy, YHVH took the Sabbath from them...

*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***

Friend, if YHVH causes you to forget something, you have forgotten it indeed. What gives you the calm assurance that “the Jews” have it right today?

Additionally, satyrday was originally the first day of the Roman seven-day planetary week. It was in 321 A.D. when Constantine venerated the day of the sun, making sunday the first day, that satyrday moved into the seventh-day column.

The problem for person #2: The Sabbath was instituted at Creation, some 6,000 years ago. The Julian calendar from which we get the names of the week is only 2,000 years old, while the Gregorian calendar (the version of the pagan/papal/Roman calendar observed today) is only 425 years old. Neither is old enough to be historically relevant.

The Greek astronomer, Sosigenes, and the pagan Emperor who created the Julian calendar and the Jesuit astronomer and the pope who collaborated on the Gregorian calendar did not worship the Creator of the universe, who said in **Genesis 1:14** that the luminaries in the heavens were for signs, seasons, days and years.

YHVH did not create a solar-only, repeating seven day calendar, the clock on your wall or watch on your wrist. These are all arbitrary, man-made, counterfeit time-keeping devices.

According to Scripture, the sun regulates the *days and years*. A day in Scripture (**Genesis 1:5**) is not from midnight to midnight as established by Rome. In order to establish “midnight” you need a watch or some other man-made device. Children of the King need only look up.

A year in Scripture is from spring to spring not mid-winter to mid-winter as established by the fourth beast in Daniel of whom it was written, *shall THINK to change times and laws* (**Daniel 7:25**). In 153 B.C. Rome changed the beginning of its year from March 1 to January 1. Abib is the first month of the Creator’s year. This is the month during which the Passover took place (**Exodus 12:2**), the same month our Savior was murdered.

The only way to find January 1 is to look at the calendar. To find the beginning of the Creator’s year, children of the King need only look up. YHVH wrote His calendar in the heavens where man can’t mess with it.

The first new moon in spring is the first day of a new year. Since YHVH commanded there to be a holy convocation on new moon days (**Numbers 10, Ezekiel 46:1, 3, Isaiah 66:23**) is “observing” the new moon considered Moon Worship? Is the Creator entrapping us in idolatry by such a command?

One of the luminaries also regulates the *signs and seasons*. Understanding the Hebrew words may shed some light (pun intended) upon which heavenly luminary regulates these segments of time or events.

The underlying Hebrew word for *seasons* is Mo’edim (Strong’s H# 4150), and is also translated elsewhere in Scripture as *set times, times appointed and feasts*. The Creator’s festivals (appointments in time) are regulated by the MOON (see **Psalms 104:19**). For example: the 14th day of the first month (moonth) is YHVH’s Passover. The first day of the seventh month is the Feast of Trumpets.

But is the weekly Sabbath regulated by the moon? Is the Sabbath a Mo’ed, an appointed time? Let’s see what Scripture says...

The underlying Hebrew word for *signs* is *owth* (Strong’s H#226), which means signal or beacon. The Sabbath is called a sign (using the Same Hebrew word, *owth*, in three texts--**Exodus 31:13, Ezekiel 20:12 and 20:20**). Like a lighthouse or radio tower, this light turns on and off. For instance, can you go outside and tell me which day of the week it is by looking at the sun? No. Can you tell me, by looking at the sun that it is the Sabbath? No, but a student of the Creator’s Calendar can tell work days from the new moon and Sabbaths simply by observing the moon. The moon is a beacon, it waxes *on*, and then wanes *off*.

Some say that the pure woman in **Revelation** shows that the remnant of Yah’s people will have overcome moon worship. Israel fell into Ba’al (sun) worship, not moon worship, so we categorically deny that this is the intended meaning of this verse because the sun, in context, is mentioned in a favorable light: *And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. Revelation 12:1*

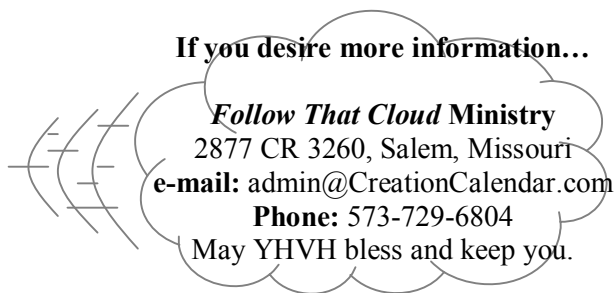
Notice that she is not standing (or stomping) on the moon; the text says that the moon is under her feet. It is her foundation. Isaiah says the Creation Sabbath (a lunar event) will be restored in the last days. **Genesis 1:14** says that the luminaries in the heaven, YHVH's time pieces, are for signs, *seasons* (Hebrew word, mo'edim) days and years. **Psalms 104:19** says that the moon is appointed for *seasons*, (mo'edim) the appointed times. **Leviticus 23:1-3** reveals that the Sabbath is the first of Yah's *feasts* (same Hebrew word, mo'edim).

Is observing the moon considered moon worship? Scripture says to *Observe the month* (literally New Moon) of *Abib*--**Deuteronomy 16:1**. *Observe the feast of unleavened bread*--**Exodus 12:17**. *Observe the feast of weeks* (or Pentecost)--**Exodus 34:22**. *Observe the feast of tabernacles*--**Deut. 16:13**. *Observe the Sabbath...for a perpetual covenant*--**Ex. 31:16**.

Observation is done with the eyes. Every one of these appointed times are regulated by the moon as certain numbered days of the month (moonth). It is impossible to keep these appointed times without observing the moon.

Jericho means "its month" (see H3405 and H3394 in Strong's). Jericho was a center for moon worship. The first thing YHVH had Israel do was to destroy a pagan moon worship system and at the same time reestablish His own lunar/solar calendar and Sabbath. The battle of Jericho is more about the Calendar of heaven than it is about the conquest of Israel.

If observing the moon (as commanded in Yah's Word) is considered moon worship, then what is looking to a solar-only pagan calendar to regulate Sabbaths considered? Sun worship, of course! It surely can't be considered obedience to Yah's Word because He says that the Moon regulates His appointed times. *In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men.* **Matthew 15:9**



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