

The Lunar Sabbatarian's perspective on Creation Week

Scripture says that the Sabbath is the seventh day of the week. That is all it says. But whose week? Yah's week established at creation or the pagan planetary week? We can learn the answer to this question by paying attention to the details given in Scripture.

Creation week began the first month of earth's history described in **Genesis 1:1-2**. If last month began with a new moon and the second month after creation began with a new moon, what do you think the FIRST month of the first year of earth's history began with? New Moon. That unnamed, unnumbered segment of time described in **Genesis 1:1-2** was dark, unilluminated, and it is *not* part of the 6 day work week. In this Creation model, the Sabbath was indeed the 7th day of the week (it always has been), but it was the 8th day of the first month. Looks like this...

New Moon Days	First Week Day	Second Week Day	Third Week Day	Fourth Week Day	Fifth Week Day	Sixth Week Day	Seventh Week Day
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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This covers only the first "day" of the first month of earth's history. And while it may be new to you, nature does not lie, Scripture does not lie. The months in Scripture are lunar, and each month begins with a new moon, including the first one, so if we are going to be honest with the text, we have to recognize the new moon in the Creation account. Please note that nothing in the text had to be disregarding, and nothing had to be added to the text to "see" a new moon at the beginning of the first month. All we have to do is open our eyes with recognition.

But what was created during this segment of time that existed before the work week began? **Genesis 1:1-2** says *heaven and earth*. What this means, and what it entails becomes clear based on what was done on the next day, the first day of the work week. And it is at this juncture where some folks refuse to "see", even though it is ink on the page.

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 1:3-5***

There is only one light source on earth that can divide Day from Night, **The Sun**. Please note that from that moment on the darkness that would come upon the earth was due to the lack of sunlight, and the Day-Night cycle (in that order) was set. Please also note that if the sun was NOT lit on day one, how are there 3 numbered days before the 4th week day of Creation? The Hebrew word day (yom) means *heat as in from the sun*. Since the Hebrew understanding of day requires sunlight, again, how were there 3 days before the 4th day of creation week? Actually, there were 3 days AND 3 nights. According to **Genesis 1:3-5**, this separation of day and night is the sole responsibility of the one *great* luminary lit on that day, **The Sun**.

The Sun, moon and stars were not *created* on day 4:

Can this actually be proven from Scripture? Sure. Moses used two different words in the creation account. One means created from scratch (H#1254, *bara*, an example of which is found in **Genesis 1:1**), the other doesn't. An example of the other word is found in **Genesis 1:16**.

*And God **made** 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 1:16-19***

This word “made” (Strong’s H# 6213) is used several times during the creation week. This is the Hebrew word *asah*, (ah-saw).

Created: H1254 בָּרָא *bārâ*, baw-raw’, A primitive root; **(absolutely) to create**; (qualified) to cut down (a wood), *select, feed* (as formative processes): - choose, create (creator), cut down, dispatch, do, make (fat). **See Genesis 1:1**

Made: H6213 עָשָׂה *’āshâh*, aw-saw’, A primitive root; **to do or make, in the broadest sense and widest application**: - accomplish, **advance, appoint**, apt, be at, become, bear, bestow, **bring forth**, bruise, be busy, X certainly, **have the charge of**, commit, deal (with), deck, + displease, do, (ready) dress (-ed), (put in) execute (-ion), exercise, **fashion**, + feast, [fight-] ing man, + finish, fit, fly, follow, fulfil, **furnish**, gather, get, go about, **govern**, grant, great, + hinder, hold ([a feast]), X indeed, + be industrious, + journey, keep, labour, **maintain, make**, be meet, **observe**, be occupied, offer, + officer, pare, **bring (come) to pass**, perform, practice, **prepare**, procure, **provide**, put, requite, X sacrifice, serve, set, shew, X sin, spend, X surely, take, X thoroughly, trim, X very, + vex, be [warr-] ior, work (-man), yield, use. **See Genesis 1:16**

Here’s the scenario: YHVH created the earth and other celestial bodies at a certain point in time defined in **Genesis 1:1-2**. He doesn’t call it a day because the time piece that regulates the day was not yet ordained as such. Then at the beginning of the first day of the week, 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 other objects in the heavens (planets, moons, et al) were created as well. We are not wresting Scripture when we make this statement because the underlying Hebrew *should* have been translated in this way.

Asah means made from something, or advanced upon or appointed. The Hebrew word “made” would be used in this sentence; *I made (asah) my bed this morning*. The bed was not created from scratch this morning; it was already there, and was advanced upon and made ready for use the next night. 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. **Genesis 1:14** says the two great luminaries in the heavens were created to regulate signs, *seasons*, days and years. *Seasons* here in **Psalm 104:19** is the same Hebrew *seasons* found in **Genesis 1:14**; *mo’edim*, meaning appointed times or set feasts. **Leviticus 23:1-3** calls the weekly Sabbath a feast, using the same Hebrew word, *mo’edim*. So, right from creation, the Sabbath has been regulated by a luminary in the heavens, not by a man-made calendar created for the express purpose of worshipping false gods.

The simple fact is that time on earth began in **Genesis 1:1-2**, not **Genesis 1:3-5**. It is the movement of the sun, moon and stars that define time on earth. Also, it is a universal axiom that without motion there can be no time. And the inverse is also true, without time there is no motion. So, since time began on earth at the moment the Creator spoke heaven and earth into existence, what all did He create and set in motion at that time? Do you deny the absolute laws of the universe? You must if you insist that the sun and moon did not exist until the 4th day of Creation. Lunar Sabbatarians do not deny universal law, we embrace it.

Please refer to the calendar illustration on page 1. There are 28 days in a lunar cycle when the moon is illuminated. Interestingly enough, there are 28 week days in a lunar month. Of these 28 days in the lunar cycle, there are 4 quarter phases of the moon that appear at approximately 7 day intervals. Interestingly enough, there are 4 weekly Sabbaths that appear at 7 day intervals in the lunar month. After the last Sabbath of the lunar cycle, there are 1-2 dark days, with no illuminated moon. After the last Sabbath of the month there are 1-2 New Moon Days.

This type of perfect symmetry and synchronicity does not appear in nature without reason. All nature screams the majesty of YHVH. Nature does not lie. Men do. Days, weeks, months and years all find a cycle in the heavens that define them.

So on day four, YHVH advanced upon the luminaries that He had created earlier [when He created the heavens and the earth and then illuminated on day one], and ordained them, appointed them as time keepers. The moon rules the week/Sabbath (signs) and the month (seasons). The sun rules the day and the sun and moon combine to regulate 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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