A Response to Lunar Sabbath from Amazing Facts

I will respond to each of the six paragraphs on this one page study against the Creation Calendar. I cannot say who wrote these rebuttals to the Creation calendar because there is no name on it, and it is possible that these paragraphs are an excerpt from a larger rebuttal. In any case, let’s see what Scripture, nature, the historical record and plain old common sense has to say about this weak attack upon the Calendar established at Creation. The word from Amazing Facts is in blue.

First of all, in regards to the days of the week, when God created the 7 days of the week, He called them the 1st day, 2nd day, 3rd day, etc. So there would be no mistake, the Bible refers to the Sabbath as the 7th day. Even in the World Book Encyclopedia it says, “A week is a division of time which includes 7 days…the ancient Hebrews were among the first to use it. The book of Genesis in the Bible says that the world was created in 6 days and the 7th day, or Sabbath, was a day of worship.” Further, the Webster’s Dictionary defines Saturday as “the seventh day of the week.”

The Father numbered the days of the week. He did not give a number to new moon day. New moon is a day of the month, but it is not a week day. I find it “amazing” that Amazing Facts does not attempt to define the week or the Sabbath using Scripture. Please show me ONE place in Scripture that calls saturday the Sabbath. The week lunar sabbatarians observe (and the one established at Creation) consists of 7 days, just not every seven days in succession, regardless of what the modern calendar looks like or the efforts of secular men to define the modern, traditional week. Please show me ONE place in Scripture that shows the Sabbath to be every seventh day in an unbroken cycle. It never says, nor even implies, that. In context, the Sabbath is ALWAYS the seventh day of the week, not every seventh day in succession. Just because modern authors and scholars describe the week and the Sabbath as they have above does NOT mean that these are the definitions found in Scripture.

Israel did not recognize New Moon day as a day of the week. 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. Genesis 1:1-2 and Ezekiel 46:1 proves that new moon day (the first day of every month, even the FIRST month of earth’s history) is a third category of day, not counted as a week day. The temple gate is shut during each and every one of the SIX working days, but it is opened each and every Sabbath and new moon. Whether you are willing to admit it or not, this proves that new moon day is NOT one of the six work days any more than the Sabbath is one of the work days.

Amos 8:5, Isaiah 66:23 and II Kings 4:23 also prove that the days of set-apart convocation (Sabbaths and new moon days) belong in a separate category, apart from the six common work days. Amos: The unscrupulous venders are seeking to cheat the Israelites, but it is Sabbath and new moon. Israel won’t come out to buy their wares until a work day. Isaiah: We will worship the Almighty at the appointed times (Sabbath and new moon days), not on work days. II Kings: The boy collapses in the field, his mother races out, scoops him up and runs inside. There the boy dies in her lap. So she runs upstairs, places the by on Elisha’s bed, then runs to her husband asking permission to take a donkey and a servant with her to go see the prophet. To which he inquires, It is neither New Moon, nor Sabbath, why do you want to go see him today? Where was the man? In his field. What was he doing? Working. Amazing Facts, this is Scripture.
The Genesis account does not disprove the lunar Sabbath or the lunar/solar calendar. In fact, Genesis 1 establishes them both as Scriptural facts.

Folks who observe the Creation Calendar observe the seventh day of each week as the Sabbath, the issue here is what day is the Sabbath established by the Father? Does the Father recognize the pagan/papal Gregorian calendar or His own?

In Luke 23:54-24:1, we read of 3 consecutive days in order. This was written 30 years after Christ’s resurrection, so it shows that time had not been lost. We all know that “Good Friday” was the day that Jesus was crucified and put in the grave. Verse 54 says: “And this day was the preparation, and the Sabbath drew on.” In verse 56 it tells us that Jesus rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment.” The next verse (Luke 24:1) mentions the 1st day of the week, the day He came out of the tomb.

There is no question about the three consecutive days at Calvary. He died on Passover (the 14th day of the first lunar month), rested on the Sabbath, the first day of Unleavened Bread (Abib 15), and rose the following morning (Abib 16). Amazing Facts has given you information that demands a Good Friday crucifixion. Please ask them to show you this in Scripture. Good Friday is a Catholic invention.

Rome did not observe the pagan seven day planetary week in the first century; they did not adopt this calendar until the 4th century, 321 A.D. There was no Friday, saturday or Sunday recognized by Rome (or Israel) in the first century. Rome had an EIGHT day market week in the first century. Their days were lettered A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H. Here is a photo, week days count down…

Amazing Facts gives you material that expects you accept the Catholic calendar (circa 1582) as the gold standard and the calendar of Scripture. This calendar is a historical document that is 1500 years younger than the NT. Please ask Amazing Facts to show you in Scripture that the Gregorian calendar is the Calendar of Scripture. No, demand it of them. Lunar Sabbatarians have Scripture to support their position, they don’t. All they have is tradition, and are foolish not to examine history. He who forgets the past is doomed to repeat it. The mistakes made yesterday are examples of what NOT to fall for today. The Gregorian calendar is nothing more than the current calendar, the calendar of our tradition and this only because we didn’t know any better. Now we do, and the Father is calling all men to repent.

Nature was created in Genesis 1. All nature screams the majesty of Yah. Shouldn’t that count for something and be given a voice?
There is always a full moon the night of the Passover. Passover is a date of a lunar month. The full moon rises EVERY month the evening of the 14th day of that month. It is a naturally occurring event because the months in Scripture are lunar, based upon the lunar cycle. Genesis 1:14 says that the two great lights would be for signs, seasons, days and years. Thus the calendar established in Genesis 1 is in the heavens. The Hebrew word for seasons is mo’edim, meaning set feasts or appointed times. Either the sun or moon will regulate these events.

Psalm 104:19 says that the moon will regulate the seasons (mo’edim--appointed times, set feasts). Leviticus 23:1-3 shows the weekly Sabbath to be the first feast (mo’edim--appointed times, set feasts) using the same exact Hebrew word. The annual feasts recur on the SAME date of lunar months every year, and these verses prove that the months are lunar calendar events. They also prove that the Sabbath is a lunar event. Amazing Facts, did I step outside of Scripture?

Adventists accept that Jesus was killed in 31 A.D. If you overlay the 14th of Abib on the Gregorian calendar and extrapolate it back to the year 31 A.D., the full moon at Passover happened on what we would NOW call a tuesday, not a friday. This is a natural fact. Man cannot alter or mess with the lunar or solar cycles. They are untouchable and they are naturally recurring as a mathematically definable event. We all agree that Jesus was killed on preparation day, but friday did not exist in Rome in the first century and if you extrapolate the calendar of today back to that event, Passover did not occur on friday, once again PROVING that the calendar today is a Catholic invention. It is not the calendar of the Old Testament (OT) much less the New Testament (NT).

In fact, the SDA church ADMITTED that they cannot use the cross to prove satyrday is the Sabbath. Here is the quote from the 1883 SDA yearbook:

“There who disbelieve in the seventh-day Sabbath bring against it numerous objections, all of which are readily answered with the exception of one, –THE CROSS. This is the great, the unanswerable objection to the Bible Sabbath.” (Capitalization in original)

For a reproduction of the ACTUAL page from the yearbook, see last page.

The Jewish people have been observing the seventh day from the time of Abraham, and they still keep it today. Here is a whole nation – millions of individuals – who have been counting off time meticulously, week after week, calendar or no calendar, for thousands of years. Could they have lost track? Impossible. The only way the could have lost a day would have been for the entire nation to have slept over an extra 24 hours and for no one ever to tell them about it afterwards.

Abraham was not a Jew, neither were Isaac or Jacob.

Amazing Facts says that it is impossible for the Jews to have ever lost track of the Sabbath. That’s a pretty bold statement, limiting the power of the Almighty. First of all, the Jews ADMIT that they are not Israelites. They have assumed that identity for the prestige and honor not due them. They are actually Khazars who mixed with the Edomites (Esau’s descendants). The evidence is forthcoming. Amazing Facts is challenging your understanding of the Sabbath, and making claims trying to persuade you that their position is correct and yours in error. Amazing Facts says that the Jews have never lost sight of the Sabbath, but noticeably offers not a shred of evidence from Scripture to support this claim.
I can prove from Scripture that the Israelites DID forget the Sabbath. In further response to the impossibility of someone forgetting the Sabbath, *Amazing Facts* does err, not knowing the Scripture nor the power of Almighty Yah. Unless Lamentations (written by the prophet Jeremiah) no longer counts as Scripture…

And He hath violently taken away His tabernacle, as if it were of a garden: He hath destroyed His places of the assembly: the LORD 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*

It is not impossible to forget the Sabbath when the Father TAKES if from the collective memory of a people. And all it takes is ONE generation to forget, and it is gone forever or until the Father restores that memory as He is doing now.

You know, I already know how *Amazing Facts* will respond to this challenge. They will say that this is only the annual Sabbaths that were forgotten, not the weekly Sabbaths. And ink on the page, they may make this claim, but they cannot validate it. Friend, you CAN validate that it was the weekly Sabbath. Look in your Strong’s Concordance and you will find that the Sabbath in question is H7676, the Hebrew word for the weekly Sabbath. The annual Sabbaths were already mentioned earlier in the text (solemn feasts, H4150).

And here is the admission from the very mouth of the Jews that they are not Israelites.

“Here is a paradox . . . A most ingenious paradox: an anthropological fact, many Christians may have much more Hebrew-Israelite blood in their veins than most of their Jewish neighbors.” *Jewish author, Alfred M. Lilienthal, What Price Israel, p. 223.*

The 1980 Jewish Almanac, p. 3, in the first chapter entitled, “Identity Crisis” said… “Strictly speaking, it is incorrect to call an ancient Israelite a ‘Jew’ or to call a contemporary Jew and ‘Israelite’ or a ‘Hebrew.’”

A percentage of the people who are known today as Jews are descendants of Abraham, but NOT of Isaac and Jacob. History reveals that they are actually the descendants of the fierce Turkish, Khazar tribes which roamed regions of southern Russia and who adopted Judaism between 7th and 9th centuries A.D.

“No one can deny that the Jews are a most unique and unusual people. That uniqueness exists because of their Edomite heritage. You cannot be English Jews. We are a race, and only as a race can we perpetuate. Our mentality is of Edomitish character, and differs from that of an Englishman. Enough subterfuges! Let us assert openly that we are International Jews.” *Manifesto of the “World Jewish Federation,” January 1, 1935, through their spokesman, Gerald Soman.* [Emphasis my own.]

From the above, we can clearly see that the Jews fully understand their Edomite heritage as the third edition of the *Jewish Encyclopedia* for 1925 records:

“Chazars [Khazars]: A people of Turkish origin whose life and history are interwoven with the very beginnings of the history of the Jews of Russia. The kingdom of the Chazars was firmly established in most of South Russia long before the foundation of the Russian monarchy by the Varangians.” (855).
Hasdai ibn Shaprut, who was foreign minister to Abd-al-Rahman, Sultan of Cordova, in his letter to King Joseph of the Chazars (about 960 AD) speaks of the tradition according to which the Chazars once dwelt near the Seir Mountains. The ‘Seir Mountains’ are none other than the original land of Esau-Edom - ‘Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom’ (Genesis 36:8). Seir was a mountain range sought of the Dead Sea and was also known as the ‘land of Edom’ (Genesis 36:21). The Seir Mountains were the home of the Edomites for nearly a millennium (The Edomites arrived in Edom or Seir at the end of the 14th and beginning of the 13th century B.C. Encyclopedia Judaica, Vol. 6, p. 372). Thus we have it from Jewish sources that the Khazars originally ‘dwelt near the Seir Mountains’ so are racially of Edomite stock, not Israelite. But how and when did Edomites get to Khazaria? There is evidence that in the 6th century BC, some of the Edomites fled their homeland of Seir and migrated north, ‘After the fall of Jerusalem, in 586 BC, the Edomites began to press northward (Ezekiel 36:5). *The New Westminster Dictionary of the Bible, ed. by Henry S. Gehman, The Westminster Press, Philadelphia, 1970, p. 418.*’ (The Jewish Encyclopedia, Vol. IV, (1905), p. 3).

“Edom is modern Jewry.” —*The Jewish Encyclopedia, 1925 edition, Vol.5, p.41*

“In response to the claim from *Amazing Facts*, the Jews have never HAD the true Sabbath. They adopted Judaism (a bastard mixture of the religion of Babylon with the faith of Abraham) 700-900 years AFTER the NT was written and 400-600 years after the entire Roman Empire was forced to adopt the pagan seven day planetary week adopted by Constantine in 321 A.D. The only seventh day of the week the Jews have EVER known is the Catholic one. On top of that, Hillel II (in about 358-59 A.D.) altered the Hebrew calendar creating a calendar based on calculation, not observation.

*Also, over one hundred languages of the earth use the word “Sabbath” for Saturday. For example, the Spanish word for Saturday is “Sabado,” meaning Sabbath. What does this prove? It proves that when those hundred languages originated in the long, long ago, Saturday was recognized as the Sabbath day and was incorporated into the very name of the day.*

**There are 106 languages**, to be exact, that use some form of Sabbath for satyrday, the 7th day of the Gregorian calendar. *Amazing Facts*, this is so weak it boggles my mind that you haven’t figured this out yet. I believe you are more intelligent than you are presenting yourself here. There are 10,000 languages and dialects in the world today (plus the many old and lost ancient languages from yesteryear). That means that less than one tenth of one percent of languages call satyrday the Sabbath (or the equivalent). Israel has been scattered to the four corners of the earth for nearly 3000 years. Seems that they did not do a very convincing job of educating the masses, did they? Truth be told, satyrday as the seventh day only goes back as far as 321 A.D. and no further as it was the FIRST day of the week prior to that time. Constantine changed it from the first day to the seventh day when venerating the day of the sun.

No doubt, some nations and languages picked this up and called saturday “Sabbath” or the like, but this is out of tradition, certainly not a command of Scripture. Satyrday is the seventh day of the present week, but that week is the pagan seven day planetary week, not the week established in Scripture.
There is nothing arbitrary about the seven day cycle. The origin of the week is found in the creation story. There is no scientific or astronomical reason for measuring time in cycles of seven days. It is an arbitrary arrangement of God and has been miraculously preserved for one reason because the holy Sabbath day points to the creative power of the only true God. It is a sign of His sovereignty over the world and over human life; a sign of creation and redemption.

**Arbitrary?** I agree that the Sabbath was created as a sign of the Creator’s sovereignty and redemption, but I think *Lamentations 2:6* proves that *Amazing Facts* does err, not knowing Scripture, nor the power of the Almighty. There was a loss of the Sabbath by the nation of Israel.

There has been a miraculous preservation of the Sabbath, it has been written in the heavens were man can’t touch it. But the Sabbath was taken from Israel for their apostasy. And there IS a cycle of seven days in the heavens, but admittedly, it is not on an unbroken cycle of seven days because there ISN’T a cycle of unbroken seven day sequences in Scripture. Just because the weeks run sequentially now does not mean they do in Scripture. The new moon interrupts the weekly count every month. Once the new moon is over, there are 28 days remaining in the lunar months in Scripture. These are divided into 4 weeks of seven days each. If you accurately count new moon, the quarter phase of the MOON is seen announcing each of the four weekly Sabbaths. So the idea that there is nothing in the cosmos on a seven day cycle is QUITE untrue.

There is NOTHING arbitrary about the Creator. Do you believe He is an Elohim of order or of chaos and arbitrary events? Indeed, the weekly Sabbath HAS been preserved, but not in a pagan/papal/man-made/solar-only calendar. His Sabbath and calendar are preserved in the heavens where man can’t mess with it.
**Genesis 1:14** says that the two great lights would be for **signs**, **seasons**, days and years. Thus the calendar of Yah is in the heavens.

**Exodus 31:13, Ezekiel 20:12, and 20:20** all say that the Sabbath is a **sign**, using the SAME Hebrew word found in **Genesis 1:14** (owth), meaning signal or beacon. This is Scripture, *Amazing Facts*. So, which light in the heavens regulates the Sabbath?

I’m going to go out on a limb and say that *Amazing Facts* believes that the light that regulates the Sabbath is the sun, since you are refusing to accept lunar sabbatarian conclusion that, of the two lights in the heavens, it is regulated by the moon. In fact, in spite of the fact that pagan sun worship was considered an abomination by the Almighty and condemned in Israel, the sun is the only choice they have if it is not the moon!

*And Elohim said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And Elohim made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: He made the stars also.* **Genesis 1:14-16**

In case the identity of these two lights is still in question:

*To Him that made great lights: for His mercy endureth for ever: The sun to rule by day: for His mercy endureth for ever: The moon and stars to rule by night: for His mercy endureth for ever.* **Psalm 136:7-9**

*The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.* **Psalm 121:6**

The day and year are named in **Genesis 1:14** and the week and month are implied IF you recognize time as understood in Scripture. Of course the sun regulates the day as it was created to divide day from night….

*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**

If you want to see just how important the roll of the moon is to the Almighty, and why is should be terribly important to the body of believers, just take a look at this passage:

*Thus saith יהוה, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; יהוה of hosts is His Name: If those ordinances [of the moon] depart from before Me, saith יהוה, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me for ever.* **Jeremiah 31:35-36**

Do you see any room in any of these passages for man to manipulate time or date lines? Want to see arbitrary?
Please examine the illustration below. The original date line was a fairly straight line extending north and south along the 180° meridian line of longitude, roughly through the middle of the Pacific Ocean. This line is on the opposite side of the globe from 0° and Greenwich Mean Time.

![Illustration showing the International Date Line (IDL) and its changes](image)

Please note the many peculiarities that are now seen in International Date Line (IDL) represented by the yellow line. There have been major changes to the IDL over the years, three are pointed out by the arrows. The history behind these changes will show you the arbitrary nature of the man-made date line. The powers-that-be say that the International Date Line is NOT arbitrary, but necessary. However, the IDL can be and has been moved by popular vote and by governmental decree. It is therefore an arbitrary, artificial, man-made line to divide the days. And without this man-made line the Gregorian calendar blows up. Here now is the story behind the moving the date line in the three places above, notated by the arrows.
Change #1. In 1867 Alaska was sold to the United States for what by many was then considered to be the absurdly large sum of $7,200,000. The change to the American mode of time reckoning was put into effect by decreeing that Friday, October 6, 1867 (this change affected only Alaska as it was entering into the calendar observed by the USA) would be followed by Friday, October 18, 1867—a shift of 12 days due to the change to the Gregorian calendar, plus one day on account of the day change and minus one day for the relocation of the date line to the waters of the Bering Strait. So Alaska endured two Fridays in a row in the fall of 1867. Talk about arbitrary!

If you are scratching your head about that, let me explain. In 1867, the Russian Orthodox Church observed the Julian calendar, not the Gregorian. In fact, Russia did not adopt the Gregorian calendar until 1918. If you will remember, from 46 B.C., when the Julian calendar was “invented” until 1582 when the Pope Gregory “invented” the Gregorian calendar to correct for the errors of the Julian calendar (it had no leap days), it was determined that by 1582 the Julian calendar was off by 10 days. Upon implementation of the Gregorian calendar in 1582, nearly the entire world (those still affected by the Roman Empire) saw Thursday, October 4 followed by Friday, October 15.

At the much later date of 1867, when the USA purchased Alaska from Russia, Alaska had to have a calendar change to that of its new “owner”. The 12 days were due to the differences between the Julian and Gregorian calendars. Plus one day was because the next day was another day, MINUS one day because they moved the line so none of the Alaskan Aleutian islands would be in the Russian time zone, thus the zig, then the zag in the date line. See arrow #1 above.

Change #2. The most recent major adjustment of the International Date Line was announced in 1994 by the government of Kiribati. Spread across an ocean area of nearly two million square miles, Kiribati consists of some 33 small atolls with a total surface area of only 280 square miles. This is less than 1/3 of the size of Jacksonville, Florida.

As a British colony, Kiribati was centered in the Gilbert Islands, just west of the International Date Line. Upon independence in 1979, the new republic acquired the Phoenix and Line Islands from the United States and the country found itself straddling the date line. Government offices on opposite sides of the line could only communicate on the four days of the week when both sides experienced weekdays simultaneously. For many years the International Date Line that bisected the island republic into two halves had been viewed as an annoying economic nuisance.

The western part of the republic was always 24 hours ahead of its eastern part, and there were only four days in each week when official business could be conducted between both parts. To put an end to this situation, Teburoro Tito, the president of Kiribati, announced that on 1 January 1995 the International Date Line would henceforth run along the many-cornered eastern boundary of the republic. Thus the convoluted line attested to by arrow #2 above. One curious oddity, even though Hawaii and the islands of Kiribati that are east of the IDL are in the same time zone, they are a day apart on the calendar.

Change #3. In Tonga today, the local Seventh-day Adventist church worships on Sunday, because when a change was made to the line (evidently by the King of Tonga), Saturday became Sunday. At this time, I have been unable to determine the date that this change took place. If anyone finds or knows this date please let me know. At any rate, this shows the ridiculousness of drawing a line of demarcation between our days. This is not the way the Creator established time in His Word. The Creation Calendar does not suffer from these problems.
An interesting test

You and I meet at a certain place. We immediately make peace and become fast friends. You introduce me to the Seventh day Sabbath (based on a repeating seven day calendar) which I accept. You are a farmer, I am a seafaring nomad. You and your family bid me farewell and I embark on a journey around the world. I travel westward and circumnavigate the globe. When I return to you and your people I throw my arms around your neck and say, “Happy Sabbath Brother.” You look perplexed and say, “Friend, you are mistaken, the Sabbath is tomorrow.”

What happened? I counted 1-2-3-4-5-6-7 the same as you, yet I am a day behind of you. If I had traveled eastward around the globe I would be a day late for the Sabbath. Whether it takes a year for you and I to meet again or 1000 years and my descendants finish my journey and return to your descendants, to travel around the earth, that day will be gained or lost because one is either traveling toward the rising sun or toward the setting sun, while the person who does not move remains the same.

This problem does not exist with the Creation Calendar. The lights in the heavens reset the days, weeks, months and years. Regardless of our position on earth, we would each “observe” (only if we were looking) the same set of sun downs, sunrises, phases of the moon and conjunctions. We see them reset wherever we are. There is no need for a set time line. If we are several hundred miles apart, but under the same sun, it is generally going to be the same day for each of us. The Father’s timeline is a roving one, established for His purpose, not man’s convenience.

Do you think I’m making this little test up? I assure you, I did not. This fact became self-evident in the days of the early mariners who discovered that when they circled the world, they either gained [if they went east] or lost a day [if they went west].

What appears to be the earliest reference to the circumnavigator’s paradox is found in the works of the Syrian prince and geographer-historian Isma’il ibn ‘Ali ibn Mahmud ibn Muhammad ibn Taqi ad-Din ‘Umar ibn Shahanshah ibn Ayyub al Malik al Mu’ayyad ‘Imad ad-Din Abu ‘l-Fida (c. 1273 - 1331). In his Taqwin al-Buldan (‘The ??? of the Lands’), Abu ‘l-Fida described how a traveller, depending on his direction of travel, would either lose or gain a day at the completion of his circumnavigation [Rudolf Wolf, Handbuch der Astronomie, Ihrer Geschichte und Literatur (Zurich, 1890), vol 1, pp. 465-466].

It was Antonio Pigafetta (c. 1490 - c. 1535), the Italian chronicler of the first circumnavigation of the world by the Portuguese explorer and navigator Ferdinand Magellan (c. 1480 - 1521), who first mentioned a peculiar incident that had occurred during the voyage: somewhere a whole day had apparently been ‘lost’. When Pigafetta, one of the eighteen survivors of the original 270-odd crew members who had set out from the Spanish port of San Lúcar de Barrameda in September 1519, nearly three years later sighted the Cape Verde Islands, he noted:

“On Wednesday, the ninth of July [1522], we arrived at one these islands named Santiago, where we immediately sent the boat ashore to obtain provisions. […] And we charged our men in the boat that, when they were ashore, they should ask what day it was. They were answered that to the Portuguese it was Thursday, at which they were much amazed, for to us it was Wednesday, and we knew not how we had fallen into error. For every day I, being always in health, had written down each day without any intermission. But, as we were told since, there had been no mistake, for we had always made our voyage westward and had returned to the same place of departure as the sun, wherefore the long voyage had brought the gain of twenty-four hours, as is clearly seen.”
This phenomenon caused great excitement after Magellan’s voyage, to the extent that a special delegation was sent to the pope to explain this temporal oddity to him. Later, in 1580 and 1594, respectively, the English explorer Sir Francis Drake and Venetian trader, Francesco Carletti encountered and documented the same phenomenon.

Had the Sabbath been wrong at the time of Christ, he would have corrected it, and there has been accurate records kept since then. The world knows that Saturday is the Bible Sabbath, and that is why Satan is so anxious to get his Sunday counterfeit in place for all to follow him, and turn on Christ.

That is correct. He did not correct it because he observed the SAME lunar/solar calendar found in the Torah and the prophets that we are now discovering today. Satyrday did not exist on the official calendar in first century Rome. And every place where the Sabbath can be date identified in the OT or the NT, it always falls on the 8th, 15th, 22nd or 29th days of the months. If Israel HAD been worshipping on the seventh day of the pagan seven day planetary week you can be sure he would have corrected it, loudly.

The world does not KNOW that satyrday is the Sabbath of Scripture, it ASSUMES such because the current calendar lists satyrday as the seventh day. There is not a single passage in Scripture that says the Sabbath is every seventh day in succession or that satyrday is the Sabbath. All Scripture says or implies on this subject is that the Sabbath is the seventh day of THE WEEK. It leaves the discovery of WHAT/WHOSE week to the reader. Satyrday Sabbatarians have fallen into the Laodicean rut of accepting the tradition of their fathers rather than seeking the acclaimed title of “Bereans” who did not accept Paul’s word for anything, rather they searched the Scriptures daily, seeking whether these things (Paul said) were so. They look at the modern version of the pagan planetary week forced upon them by Rome that is hanging on their wall and are just ignorant, narrow minded or lazy enough to accept.

OK. OK, I admit it, Israel worshiped on satyrday. But you have borne the tabernacle of your moloch [king] and Chiun your images, the star of your god which you made for yourselves. Amos 5:26. Chiuin is the Hebrew word for Saturn. But that does not mean their worship was acceptable to the Father. In this verse Amos sees a day where Israel worships a star-god that they would make for themselves which means that Israel would have been in apostasy at that time.

Stephen, in Acts 7:43 quotes Amos and is translated as Remphan, which is Greek for Saturn. Satyrday is ONLY a day found on the pagan seven day planetary week. Satyrday was the first day (not the seventh) of this pagan calendar week from at LEAST 800 B.C. and perhaps further back. The Father’s calendar is found in the sun and moon (the two great lights), not in the planets.

Why am I spelling it satyrday instead of saturn’s day? Because Saturn and the Satyr are both linked to the same false system of worship.

Do this word study with your concordance. Isaiah 13:21 says… But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyr shall dance there.

The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest. Isaiah 34:14

In both cases, the Hebrew word here translated as satyr is Strong’s H8163.
It would seem that the Father stopped Israel’s Satyrday observance early on. Speaking to Israel after their deliverance from Egypt, YHVH said… And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations. Leviticus 17:7. Notice the word for devils (below).

And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations. 17:55

Same Hebrew word, H 8163, Satyrs.

Jeroboam and his sons were later cursed for leading Israel BACK into idolatry. II Chronicles 11:15 says… And he [Jeroboam] ordained him priests 3548 for the high places, 1116 and for the devils, 8163 and for the calves 5695 which 834 he had made. 6213

Same Hebrew word, H 8163, Satyrs.

Jeroboam brought back what the Almighty had removed from Israel in Leviticus 17. And nearly every time Jeroboam’s name is mentioned thereafter it is either prefaced or followed by the statement, who has made my people Israel to sin. Amos reminded Israel of their Satyrday idolatry, Stephen repeated it and it got him killed.

Some people are touchy about their idolatry. I hope you are not and that you are willing to examine why the Father calls satyrday worship idolatry. Satyrday was not the 7th day of the week until 321 A.D. when Rome adopted the pagan seven day planetary week. Satyrday was the first day of this seven day week for its entire history (during the time Scripture was being written), and not promoted (demoted actually) until Constantine venerated the day of the sun, supplanting Satyrday as the first day of the week.

As the True Israel of Levi faded from the scene, scattered to the 4 corners of the earth, the Jews became more prominent. 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”. Watch for the bold blue font below because at least one particular scholar DOES believe that satyrday worship is linked to saturn worship (and worse), and he proves it VERY convincingly.

Ever heard of a dual counterfeit? Only the enemies of Levi would accept an obvious counterfeit, but for the more elect, the Adversary has a not-so-obvious counterfeit.

How long halt ye between two opinions? if the L ORD be Almighty, follow Him: but if Ba’al, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. 1 Kings 18:21.

Ba’al is the obvious fraud, but what about “the L ORD”? Every time you read LORD or GOD in all capital letters in Scripture, the underlying Hebrew is  אָלֶפֶת , the Creator’s Name. Ba’al means “Lord” in Hebrew. In Hebrew there is no deception, His Name is  אָלֶפֶת , (which is how the Hebrew reads) but in English there is no right answer from which to choose, both mean Lord.  אָלֶפֶת tells us to stop calling Him “my Lord” (Hosea 2:16-Baali means “my Lord”). Friends, what we have here is a dual counterfeit; one is obvious, the other not-so-obvious.
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 \( \text{AZAL} \) 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 \( \text{AZAL} \). Friends, what we have here is a dual counterfeit; one is obvious, the other not-so-obvious. 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. The Adversary does not care how you spell his many different names, or under which one you worship, as long as you do not worship \( \text{AZAL} \). Please feel free to connect the dots…

**Satan (or Pan) is also 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 (Satan), the common name for 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….hmm. Kronos claims to be in charge if TIME! Kronos is where we get our word Chronology, the study of time. Kronos, said another way, is also known as Father Time. Cue Scriptural support: **Daniel 7:25**, see also **Isaiah 14**…
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 congregation, 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. The prophecy above is proclaiming that someone will claim to sit on the mount of azâl’s appointed times. He is saying that he will control the calendar, and the appointed times. And indeed he does, but only in the hearts and minds of his followers, having no control of azâl’s calendar appointed times.

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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The information in the bold red font on this page was gleaned from Alexander Hislop’s classic, The Two Babylons.

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.

Here is a devastating admission from the Seventh-day Adventist church, the largest satyrday keeping denomination on earth…

“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. Sunday is the obvious fraud. Satyrday, however, looks a lot like the 7th day of the week, just the wrong week, so satyrday observance is the other half of a very clever dual counterfeit.

When we who observe the Creator’s Calendar worship on the Gregorian satyrday (or any other pagan-named day of the week) it is because that particular day falls on the seventh day of the Creator’s Calendar week—a cycle established at Creation, by the Creator. When Satyrday Sabbatarians worship on the seventh day (of every week on their solar calendar) it is for one of two reasons, perhaps both.
Because the Jews keep saturday, and/or the calendar they observe tells them that it is the seventh day of their weekly cycle—a cycle established in 321 A.D., by Rome.

There are several quotes from Ellen White I would like to conclude with in regard to new light and an end time Sabbath message...

“Our brethren should be willing to investigate in a candid way every point of controversy. If a brother is teaching error, those who are in responsible positions ought to know it; and if he is teaching truth, they ought to take their stand at his side. We should all know what is being taught among us; for if it is truth, we need it. We are all under obligation to G-d to know what He sends us. He has given directions by which we may test every doctrine,--‘To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.’ [ISA. 8:20.] If the light presented meets this test, we are not to refuse to accept it because it does not agree with our ideas.” Gospel Workers, p. 300.

“The momentous issues at stake through neglect of the Word of G-d should be carefully considered. The study of the Bible is worthy of the best mental effort, the most sanctified ability. When new light is presented to the church, it is perilous to shut yourselves away from it. Refusing to hear because you are prejudiced against the message or the messenger will not make your case excusable before G-d. To condemn that which you have not heard and do not understand will not exalt your wisdom in the eyes of those who are candid in their investigations of truth. And to speak with contempt of those whom G-d has sent with a message of truth that proceedeth out of His mouth. They are not to make up their minds that the whole truth has been unfolded, and that the Infinite One has no more light for His people. If they entrench themselves in the belief that the whole truth has been revealed, they will be in danger of discarding precious jewels of truth that shall be discovered as men turn their attention to the searching of the rich mine of G-d’s Word.” Testimonies to Sabbath School Workers, p. 60

Here EGW calls it like she sees it, and she names names...

“I saw that G-d had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the H-ly Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. This enraged the churches and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time G-d’s chosen all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us. I saw the sword, famine, pestilence, and great confusion in the land. The wicked thought that we had brought the judgments upon them, and they rose up and took counsel to rid the earth of us, thinking that then the evil would be stayed.” Early Writings, p. 33

Adventists, even nominal ones (which means, in name only) have already accepted the Sabbath. What new Sabbath message could possibly incite rage among Adventists? Please note that the ones with the Sabbath reform message are filled with the Spirit of Alaka, and that the Adventists could NOT REFUTE the Sabbath message. The last final conflict is not going to be about Sabbath vs. sunday, it is going to be about the True Sabbath vs. saturday. Remember, a counterfeit has to look a great deal like the original. Sunday, the first day of the week, looks NOTHING like the seventh-day Sabbath. But a spurious Sabbath, the seventh day of a counterfeit calendar, could generate sufficient hostilities. It’s coming. Now is the time! What does she mean “Sabbath more fully”? Let her answer this question....
“The minds of the people, blinded and debased by slavery and heathenism, were not prepared to appreciate **fully** the far-reaching principles of G-d’s ten precepts. That the obligations to the Decalogue might be **more fully** understood and enforced, additional precepts were given, illustrating and applying the principles of the Ten Commandments.” *Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 310.*

And here is an example of the statutes which illustrate or amplify the fourth commandment....

“Again the people were reminded of the sacred obligation of the Sabbath. Yearly feasts were appointed... The object of these regulations was stated: they proceeded from no exercise of mere arbitrary sovereignty; all were given for the good of Israel.

“These laws were to be recorded by Moses, and carefully treasured as the foundation of the national law, and, with the ten precepts which they were given to illustrate, the condition of the fulfillment of G-d’s promises to Israel.” *Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 311.* See Leviticus 23.

**Time to Begin the Sabbath** - I saw that it is even so: “From even unto even, shall ye celebrate your Sabbath.” Said the angel: “Take the word of God, read it, understand, and ye cannot err. Read carefully, and ye shall there find what even is, and when it is.” I asked the angel if the frown of God had been upon His people for commencing the Sabbath as they had. I was directed back to the first rise of the Sabbath, and followed the people of God up to this time, but did not see that the Lord was displeased, or frowned upon them. I inquired why it had been thus, that at this late day we must change the time of commencing the Sabbath. Said the angel: “Ye shall understand, but not yet, not yet.” Said the angel: “If light come, and that light is set aside or rejected, then comes condemnation and the frown of God; but before the light comes, there is no sin, for there is no light for them to reject.” I saw that it was in the minds of some that the Lord had shown that the Sabbath commenced at six o’clock, when I had only seen that it commenced at “even,” and it was inferred that even was at six. I saw that the servants of God must draw together, press together. *Testimonies, Vol. 1, p. 116.*

Clearly, the early pioneers were struggling with the Sabbath issue. The angel said to carefully read Scripture and they would figure out the meanings and applications of the words they were struggling with. When Ellen inquired about changing their understanding of the Sabbath AGAIN at such a late date, she was told that they would understand, but not yet, not yet. So it is possible that early SDA’s never understood the Sabbath. Evidence for what I just said is found in the following quote:

It was represented to me that the remnant followed Jesus into the most holy place and beheld the ark and the mercy seat, and were captivated with their glory. Jesus then raised the cover of the ark, and lo! the tables of stone, with the ten commandments written upon them. They trace down the lively oracles, but start back with trembling when they see the fourth commandment among the ten holy precepts, with a brighter light shining upon it than upon the other nine, and a halo of glory all around it. They find nothing there informing them that the Sabbath has been abolished, or changed to the first day of the week. The commandment reads as when spoken by the voice of God in solemn and awful grandeur upon the mount, while the lightnings flashed and the thunders rolled; it is the same as when written with His own finger on the tables of stone: “Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.” They are amazed as they behold the care taken of the ten commandments. They see them placed close by Jehovah, overshadowed and protected by His holiness. They see that they have been trampling upon the fourth commandment of the decalogue, and have observed a day handed down by the heathen and papists, instead of the day sanctified by Jehovah. They humble themselves before God and mourn over their past transgressions. *Early Writings, p. 255*
First of all, I find it VERY interesting that Sister Ellen used her understanding of the Hebrew Name \textit{אָלָה} for the Father, calling Him Jehovah. Also, this is the remnant being spoken of and in Adventist parlance, this means them. In any regard, “the remnant” means this is an END TIME event being portrayed. Notice that this remnant is startled and taken aback when they see the tables of stone and the importance of the 4\textsuperscript{th} commandment, that it has never been changed, AND that they have been trampling on the TRUE Sabbath, and that THEY have observed a calendar day handed down by heathens and papists, causing them to mourn over their past Sabbath transgressions. The ONLY Sabbath known to Ellen White was satyrday, a date found ONLY on the pagan/papal calendar.

“In the time of the end every divine institution is to be restored.” \textit{Prophets and Kings}, p. 678  [And if you were paying attention, this includes not only the Sabbath, but the annual feasts as well.]

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Miller

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Those who disbelieve in the seventh-day Sabbath bring against it numerous objections, all of which are readily answered with the exception of one—The Cross. This is the great, the unanswerable objection to the Bible Sabbath.

The beginning of the gospel dispensation was marked by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, one of the most wonderful manifestations of its kind since creation. The dispensation will close with another like manifestation, doubtless as remarkable as the first. This is called in the Bible "the great refreshing," "the latter rain," "the loud voice," "the blessing poured out," and many similar expressions are applied to it.